



---

## News Blast April 17, 2014

### **2014 Camp Information is Here!**

#### **Cub Scout Day Camps**

#### **Cub Scout Adventure (Resident) Camps**

#### **Boy Scout Summer Camp**

[Click here](#) to access dates, locations, prices and early bird registration deadlines for **Cub Scout Day Camps**, **Cub Scout Adventure Resident Camps**, and **Boy Scout Summer Camp**.

Access additional details and register for all camps via [CampMaster](#) website.

### **Campership Funds Are Still Available**

Sagamore Council budgets for camperships every year, and we still have funds in the campership account, so please complete a campership application for any Scout(s) that need financial assistance in order to attend Cub Scout or Boy Scout camp! Camping season is a great way to introduce those new Scouts to the Scouting program.

[Cub Scout Campership Application](#)

[Boy Scout Campership Application](#)

### **Scout Executive Chris Mehaffey's Message About Long Range Plans for Sagamore Council**

During late summer of 2013 and all of last fall, our Executive Committee took on the task of creating long range goals for our Council. Tom Sheehan, a retired executive from Delco and great

### **Quick Links**

[Sagamore Council](#)

[BSA National](#)

[BSA Training](#)

[Youth Protection](#)

[Find A Local Unit](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Cary Camp](#)

[Camp Buffalo](#)

[Order of the Arrow](#)

[CampMaster](#)

community supporter, led us through the process. The very first thing we discussed was ... who is our customer? There were a number of answers but ultimately we all agreed that our customer is the youth we all serve. With this as our focus, our goals for the next 5 years are structured around giving our youth the best possible Scouting experience at all levels of our organization. Thus the reason our priorities are in this order: 1) Quality Program, 2) Membership, and 3) Finance and Leadership and Governance.

As a parent or volunteer you may be wondering why we are sharing these goals with you. You are involved because your son enjoys Scouts and you help where you can if you are asked. We understand that; however, we ALL have a part in the success of the program here in the Sagamore Council. You will not find this plan printed on glossy paper to display, or a hard copy of this plan and tactics in a three ring binder at the Council Service Center in Kokomo. This plan was designed to meet and exceed goals and to be modified annually as goals need to be changed. You can find the full version of the plan at the following link:

[Strategic Plan for Sagamore Council 2014-2018](#)

We have also taken the liberty of providing an outline for a unit to have similar goals and to work with other units and the council level volunteers to achieve these goals. That outline can be found at the following link:

[Strategic Plan Outline for Units 2014-2018](#)

Finally, we know that you do not need one more thing to report on or to add to your Scouting schedule; however, if you would like a presentation on this new Strategic Plan for the parents and volunteers in your unit, please let me know. Our Council President, Council Commissioner or myself would be happy to come and present the plan to your unit. It's that important that we all are focused on the youth members' experience and work together to achieve goals that enhance the program for our youth.

To schedule a presentation for your unit about the Strategic Plan, email [Chris Mehaffey](mailto:Chris.Mehaffey) or call him at 765-452-8253.

**Don't Forget the  
ScoutAbout 5K/10K Run  
Will Be Saturday, May 31st**



Details and registration info. is available at:  
[sagamorebsa.org/htdocs/wordpress/scout-about-run/](http://sagamorebsa.org/htdocs/wordpress/scout-about-run/)

**Cub & Webelos Adventure Camp**

Scouting: Passport to the World is open to all BSA registered Cub and Webelos Scouts from any district or council. Boys of all ranks will camp together but will break off for individual programs. Cub Scouts will experience a program especially designed for their ages and experience. New Webelos I (boys who have just finished third grade) and Webelos II will follow a more challenging program including canoeing and more advanced climbing. The two session dates are June 8-11 and June 11-14. Cost is \$115.00 by May 16th to avoid late fee registration. Register by unit via [CampMaster](#) website.

## **Special Invitation to all Webelos**

**All Webelos and their leaders are invited to visit Camp Buffalo for one day this summer!** While there you can check out the program offerings and the facilities. Please contact Pat Harding at 574-278-7114 or (before June 1) call 765-743-9795 to schedule your visit.

## **Sagamore Council Annual Recognition Dinner**

Come join in all the fun at the 2014 Annual Dinner, April 30 at the Purdue Memorial Union. We will be recognizing the 2013 Danny Etling Class of Eagles. We will also be recognizing our 2014 Silver Beavers.

Please join us at the dinner to congratulate Silver Beaver recipients Val Eenigenberg (North Star District), Christian Chauret (Peshewa District), Ann Harding (Wabash Valley District), Craig Quigg (North Star District), Randy Helder (Peshewa District), Frank Cederquist (Wabash Valley District) and Sandy Briggs (Wabash Valley District). There will be additional awards presented and recognitions along with the council's annual report. Register to attend via the [CampMaster](#) website for this event.

## **Are You Preparing to Attend Camp?**

### **Access Annual Health & Medical Record Now!**

Access the new Annual Health and Medical Record (effective 3/1/2014) online via the following link:

[BSA Annual Health & Medical Record](#)

## **Baseball "Salute the Scouts" Day at**

## Purdue

Scouters, have you had a chance to register for the Salute the Scouts game at Purdue Baseball coming up on May 16th? Tickets are only \$4 each for the whole family! Scouts will get a patch, be able to talk to Purdue coaches, run the bases, and more! For \$7 an individual can receive a hot dog, soda pop, and their ticket. Units will be able to pick up their tickets a week before the game. Register now at [CampMaster](#).

## Job Opportunities at Adventure Camp

Enthusiastic Boy Scouts and adults are needed for staff positions at Cary Adventure Camp from June 8 - 14 with training days from June 4 - 7. Contact Doug Klumpe at [daklumpe@tsc.k12.in.us](mailto:daklumpe@tsc.k12.in.us) or Ann Harding at [pealharding@gmail.com](mailto:pealharding@gmail.com).

## Units That Have Not Yet Re-Chartered for 2014

### Peshewa District:

Pack 3405, Pack 3520, Pack 3902, Post 2699, Pack 3582

### North Star District:

Pack 3215, Pack 3227, Pack 3245

### Wabash Valley District:

Troop 325, Post 2352, Pack 3310, Pack 3344

## New 1910 World Crest Ring Is Available!



Remember the 100 year World Crest Ring that everyone wanted? It's back in similar fashion! Same look, same colors, but with the year Boy Scouts began instead of the 100 year anniversary logo!

Everyone who was not able to purchase the anniversary ring will now be able to dress up their Scout shirt with this stylish new "1910" ring. Come into the Sagamore Trading Post and get yours now!

## Council Participation - Papers in Education

The Council Service Center is now receiving the Kokomo Tribune as part of the Papers in Education program. If your Scouts need newspapers for any merit badge work (Citizenships) you may pick them up in the Service Center. If it would be easier to mail or have them taken to a camp near you, we can arrange that as well. We will keep 30 days of papers before recycling begins. Take advantage of this convenient service.

## Sagamore Council 2014 Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee will be September 26-28, 2014 at Grissom air Museum. Save the date and watch the Signals E-Newsletters and the council website ([www.sagamorebsa.org](http://www.sagamorebsa.org)) for more information. Chairperson for this event is Kevin Brunner.

## Marketing Course at Philmont Training Center

One of the featured courses at Philmont this summer is **Marketing**. This course is being offered June 8 - 14. Learn how to market Scouting effectively in your community using the latest in digital and social media techniques and new recruitment campaign materials. [Find additional information here.](#)

## Philmont Trek 2014

Troop 404 has 3 openings for a Philmont Trek on June 10 through June 25. We currently have 6 boys and 3 adults going. Current plans are to take Amtrak, leaving on June 10 and arriving June 11 in Raton, New Mexico. The Philmont trek starts on June 12 and ends on June 24 with return late on June 25. The cost is \$1200. If interested, please contact Troop 404 Scoutmaster Jim Tack at [troop404wabash@yahoo.com](mailto:troop404wabash@yahoo.com) or via phone/text at 574-870-8453.

## Philmont Treks in July 2015

We have two treks reserved for the summer of July 2015; we have not had anyone sign up for these. If anyone is interested please contact our Council Contingent Coordinator, [David Hall](mailto:zzzdahall@aol.com) at [zzzdahall@aol.com](mailto:zzzdahall@aol.com). If we do not have interest reported by May 1st, we will be turning them back in person. For detailed information on Philmont Treks, use the following link:



## **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.

[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.

## **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](#)

## **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](#)

**2014 Greater Lafayette Area Good Scout Award Luncheon September 30, 2014**  
**Honoree: Gary Lehman, Regional President Oerlikon**

Noon - 1:00 PM (Gathering starts 11:30 AM)  
Purdue Memorial Union, North Ballroom  
191 N Grant Street, West Lafayette Indiana

[Printable Good Scout Luncheon Flyer Including Reservation Prices and Sponsorships](#)

## Youth Religious Award Recipients

During the first quarter of 2014 quite a few Scouts earned PRAY Youth Religious Awards. We would like to recognize the following Scouts for their achievement:

Landon Gustin	Eli Cook
Ryken Hartwick	Joseph Doyle
Alex Holtman	Tristian Garling
David Moss III	Paxstun
Clayton Presse	Aiden Osborn
Nathan Salemink	Andrew Turner
Harrison Shaffer	Clay Kistler
Peyton Bartlett	Nathan Thompson
Wyatt Bertram	Brendan Day
Jaden Blacker	

## COUNCIL CALENDAR

### April 2014

- 18 Good Friday - Office Closed
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 Executive Board Meeting at Cary Camp
- 30 Council Annual Recognition Dinner at Purdue Memorial Union South Ballroom, West Lafayette at 6:30 PM

### May 2014

- 3 Outdoor Leader Skills Training at Upland Indiana
- 3 OA Lodge Meeting & LEC at Upland Indiana (Peshewa Camporee at Glass's Farm)
- 6 Property Committee Meeting
- 9-11 OA Spring Ordeal Weekend at Cary Camp

- 12 Finance Committee Meeting - Service Center Kokomo 7 PM
- 12 Program Committee Meeting at Cary Camp - 7 PM
- 13 Membership Committee Meeting at Cary Camp - 6:30 PM
- 16 Purdue Baseball Salute the Scouts Night
- 19 Executive Committee Mtg - Service Center, Kokomo at 7 PM
- 26 Memorial Day - Office Closed

### [View Full Council Google Calendar](#)

(The Council Google calendar includes both council and district events, meetings and roundtables in addition to Council events.)

## North Star District Announcements

### North Star District Contacts:

District Executive - [Jason Revord](#) - 765-418-7381  
District Commissioner - [Tressa Bowman](#)  
District Chairman - [Tony Schroeder](#)

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

## District "Scout Oympics" Spring Camporee April 25 - 27 at Camp Buffalo

Leaders, it's time to make plans for your troop to participate in the North Star District 2014 Spring Camporee! It will be at Camp Buffalo April 25-27, with Scout Olympics as the theme. Activities will include shooting sports, orienteering, first aid, and a fitness competition.

Early bird registration fee (by April 14) is \$12 per person, and after April 14 the fee is \$15. Registration will be by unit, via [CampMaster](#) website. Payments can be made online via CampMaster using a credit card, debit card, or e-check/bank draft. If you have questions, contact [Sam](#)



[Rance](#) or [Jason Revord](#).

Bring your Scouts out to the Spring Camporee at Camp Buffalo to enjoy the spring weather and let Scouts challenge themselves in some well-planned activities!

## North Star District Dinner May 18th at Camp Buffalo

The North Star District Dinner will be held at Camp Buffalo on Sunday, May 18th at 5 PM Eastern time. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. We are still accepting nominations for district awards of merit until the end of April, and these awards will be presented at the dinner May 18th.

## Peshewa District Announcements

### Peshewa District Contacts:

District Director - [Matt Bender](#) - 765-532-7557  
District Executive - [Daniel Carbaugh](#) - 765-480-3716  
District Commissioner - [Don Harper](#) - 765-860-4474  
District Chairman - [Nick Pate](#)

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

## Ol Akela Had a Farm Cub Scout Day Camp

Peshewa District is offering several opportunities for youth to participate in a Cub Scout Day Camp. Each of these camps will have a Farming theme, with differing activities to provide a fun and exciting summertime adventure for your Scout! Sign up at [CampMaster](#)!

Saturday, June 7th - Salamonie State Reservoir (A "One-Day" Day Camp) Early Bird Fee is \$20 with deadline of May 17.

This camp will be in connection with DNR fishing derby. The morning Scouts will register and participate in the fishing derby. The afternoon will include crafts with the Miami Indians. Some other activities will be offered as well.

Monday, June 30 - Wednesday, July 2 - Rainbow Christian Camp (Converse) (A "Three-Day" Day Camp) See link to Leaders' Guide below.

Early Bird Fee is \$48 with deadline of May 31.

Saturday, July 26th - Howard County Fairgrounds/Greentown  
(A "One-Day" Day Camp) Early bird fee is \$20 with deadline of July 5.

There is also a special early registration for all 3 day camps  
(Salamonie, Converse, and Greentown.) Early Registration for all the  
day camps is \$60 with May 17 deadline.

[Printable, detailed flyer about Peshewa District Day Camps](#)

[Leaders' Guide for 3-Day Day Camp at Rainbow Christian Camp  
\(Converse\)](#)

## **Boy Scout Spring Camporee May 2 - 4**

Friday - Sunday, May 2 - 4, 2014  
Glass's Farm - 8803 E 825 S, Upland, Indiana

Rex Banter and Troop 427 have agreed to host the upcoming First Aid and Emergency Preparedness Peshewa District Spring Camporee. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. A leader's guide will be available via [CampMaster](#) website. For more information or to volunteer to assist with the Spring Camporee, email [Rex Banter](#), Troop 427 Scoutmaster, or call him at 765-661-5538. Register and access more details via [CampMaster](#) website.

### **Peshewa District Eagle Scouts:**

Michael Pike            Troop 506

Nelson Jackson        Troop 508

## **Wabash Valley District Announcements**

### **Wabash Valley District Contacts:**

District Executive - [Dylan Melling](#) 765-639-4398  
District Director - [Colin Earl](#) 920-540-8015  
District Commissioner - [Curtis Beazer](#) 765-463-2962  
District Chairman - [Jerry Day](#)

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

## **Welcome Brad Thada and Carolynn McKinnis - New Wabash Valley District Committee Members**

The month of March featured two new individuals joining the district committee. Brad Thada is a graduate student at Purdue working on his PhD and is an Eagle Scout from the Crawfordsville area. Carolynn McKinnis, along with her husband John, have two boys in the program; one at Troop 303 and the other at Pack 3315. Carolynn will be joining the Membership Committee, while Brad will be joining the Advancement Committee. We look forward to their upcoming contributions to Scouting!

## **Recent Activities**

We'd like to thank all those who have participated in the recent events over the past few weeks! Cub Scouts had a great time at the Pinewood Derby at Tippecanoe Mall, and the Boy Scouts had a fun time at the Highland Games out at Cary Camp. Special thanks to Troop 393 and Crew 2393 from the Williamsport American Legion for leading the charge with the camporee; the youth showed great leadership and planning abilities while organizing and executing the activities. Thank you to Donovan Vaughn, Pack 3348 from Hershey Elementary PTA and especially Pack 3324 from Stockwell United Methodist Church for volunteering their track to be used! These events cannot happen without units, parents, and volunteers working together. We're glad two top tier programs were able to be held recently!

## **Program Kickoff May 8th**

Would you like to be able to provide a troop or pack calendar that is filled out through December of 2015? Would you like to hear about some of the upcoming activities and events that are planned? Then be sure to attend the program kickoff on May 8th! at this roundtable we will have calendars with dates available for all program levels of Scouting, along with a "cheat sheet" to let you know some basics of these events. A social gathering will begin at 6:30 with the roundtable beginning at 7 pm.

## **Lafayette Lemonade Day**

Lafayette Lemonade Day will be on May 17th. This free event is geared to help youth learn about entrepreneurship and encourage them to set goals. This can be a great supplement to goal setting for popcorn in helping youth understand budgets and goals for when they get older.

[Access flyer here.](#)

## Join Old Akela on the Farm for Day Camp

Has your unit made plans to attend Cary Day Camp? Day Camp will run from July 29th - August 2nd with a staff training day on the 28th. Activities this year will include making a scarecrow, learning how to plant seeds, swimming, shooting sports, and more! There are still a limited number of staff positions available. If you are interested, please email [Ann Harding](mailto:Ann.Harding@scout.org) to express your interest, and she'll find a spot for you! This is a great way for troops to help sharpen the leadership skills of their boys and for those boys to earn service hours. Registration is now open on [Campmaster](https://www.campmaster.com). Remember that the unit must be registered **and paid** by July 5th to get the early bird rate of \$65.00.

## SCOUTStrong Journey to Excellence Element

We had a lot of units ask about the section on Journey to Excellence concerning the SCOUTStrong. This program is designed to help Scouts get active and promote healthy eating. It's a challenge designed for the whole family, not just the Scout! Unit leaders can find information on implementing the program [here](#), and a lot more information can be found [here](#).

## Cub Scout Adventure Camp:

Session #1 June 8-11 or Session #2 June 11-14

Get your Scouts signed up for Adventure Camp at [CampMaster](https://www.campmaster.com) website. Early bird sign up & payment deadline is May 16; early bird fee is \$115.

## Help Wanted

Boy Scout and adult volunteers are needed to help staff Day Camp at Cary Camp the week of July 28th. If interested please contact Ann Harding at [pealharding@gmail.com](mailto:pealharding@gmail.com). Remember that Day Camp is a totally volunteer program so whatever you can do to help is appreciated.

## Wabash Valley District Eagle Scout:

Joshua Piper

Troop 310

## Order of the Arrow Takachsin Lodge Contacts:

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

## Section Conclave

On April 11, 2014, Arrowmen from all over Section C-6A gathered at Vincennes University for the 2014 OA Conclave. The weekend was FULL of fun, food, and fellowship. This year's theme was Quest for the Golden Sash and included such Quest activities as the Strongest Bonds of Brotherhood, the Gathering, the Hunt of the OA Medallion and Conquering the Golden Maze. Make sure and check out the pictures posted on the Takachsin facebook page.

After a morning of training and classes, the attendees earned some time for fun, which included lodge ball, basketball, swimming and bowling - not to mention the patch and pie auctions. Wow!

There were also a couple of competitions, including ceremonies. Takachsin Lodge was represented by a ceremony team consisting of Lucas Bowman, Matthew Bowman, Jacob Clupper and Joshua Plummer. This team took 2nd place in the competition. The Lodge also took 2nd place in the overall Quest for the Golden Sash. 'Way to go Takachsin Lodge!

During the closing show the Takachsin Lodge was able to recognize two Bear Scholars, Jacob Clupper and Taylor Dotterer. Congratulations to Jacob and Taylor!

This was a great weekend to share some great experiences and make some lifelong connections with other Arrowmen! Can't wait for next year's Conclave at Camp Belzer located on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

## Lodge Flap

The Lodge needs a new pocket flap, and we want you to design it. The Lodge will be accepting designs up to the last day of summer camp (July 19th). Designs can be given to the OA Coordinator at summer camp, turned in at any OA meeting, or emailed to the Steve Bowman, OA Advisor at [sbowman@haynesintl.com](mailto:sbowman@haynesintl.com). Please make sure you have a confirmation on any email submissions. All designs will be voted on by the Lodge. The winner will be able to go to next year's Sectional Conclave and Winter Banquet for free, as well as be

recognized at the Winter Banquet. The design must be the size of the pocket flap on the Class A Scout shirt, with no overhanging feathers and must contain the BSA Fleur-de-lis, WWW and Takachsin in the design. This is open to both youth and adults who are Lodge members in good standing.

## Lodge Meeting

The next Lodge and LEC meeting will be at the Peshewa Spring Camporee at Glass's Farm on Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## Spring Ordeal

OA Spring Ordeal is at Cary Camp May 9th - May 11th. Check-in will start at 6:30 pm. There will be both service projects and fun activities for members attending. Information and Registration is at [CampMaster](#). Register before May 6th to save the \$5 door fee. Anyone wanting to be an Elangomat (guide for the new members during their ordeal) can attend for free. Contact Steve Bowman at [sbowman@haynesintl.com](mailto:sbowman@haynesintl.com) if you are interested. Anyone wanting information about being on a Ceremony team please contact Phil Drake at 765-865-9217 or [phldrake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phldrake@sbcglobal.net).

## OA Elections

***Time is running out!*** If your troop has not scheduled elections yet, please contact Don Harper at 765-860-4474 or [don.harper@att.net](mailto:don.harper@att.net).

## Upcoming Training Events

### Outdoor Leaders Skills Training

Leaders, if you need outdoor training, May 3rd is the day for you! Outdoor Leaders Skills training will be offered at the Peshewa Camporee in Upland, Indiana on Saturday, May 3, 2014. This will consist of two separate classes covering these three courses:

- Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS) - Boy Scouts
- Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills (OWLS) - Webelos
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoors Orientation (BALOO) - Cub Scouts

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM and classes will begin at 8:30 AM.

Cost is \$15 for IOLS & OWLS and \$10 for BALOO. Adults who are registered to attend the Peshewa Spring Camporee will receive a \$5 discount. Access other details and register online via [CampMaster](#). If you have questions, contact [Randy Rusch](#) via email or 765-453-0818.

## **Training Contacts:**

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

## **Tributes / Memorial Contributions**

**In Memory of: Harold Hutto**

**From:**

**Charles & Majorie Pennington**

**In Memory of: Robert Gray**

**From:**

**Steven Gray**

**In Memory of: Paul Maier**

**From:**

**Sandra & Bob Arnold  
Roger & Beth Bangs  
Ruth Buening  
Julia & Eric Demerly  
William Fitzgerald  
Frank Gick  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Hannemann  
Susan Henson  
Dr. & Mrs. Michael Hogan**

Constance Howard  
Loren & Lana Jackemeyer  
David & Carolyn Kingen  
Cheryl Maier  
Cami & Jack McNamee  
Jeanee Planter  
Phyllis & John Scanlon  
Robert Sorensen  
Alvin & Dianne Tao  
Virginia Tyler  
Rodney Vandever  
Gerald Wehr  
Catherine Weidenbener  
Norbert Welch  
R. Lynn & Sharon Woods

[Forward this email](#)



Try it FREE today.

This email was sent to [chris.mehaffey@scouting.org](mailto:chris.mehaffey@scouting.org) by [cvannoy@bsamail.org](mailto:cvannoy@bsamail.org) |  
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Sagamore Council, Boy Scouts of America | PO Box 865 | Kokomo | IN | 46903-0865