



News Blast February 27, 2014

The Power of Children Awards

Do you know someone in Grades 6-11 who is making an extraordinary difference in the lives of others? The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is proud to offer an opportunity to take part in the 10th Annual Power of Children Awards. Students in Grades 6 through 11 who meet the awards criteria may be nominated online before the deadline of midnight March 23, 2014. Winners will receive a \$2,000 grant, a four-year post-secondary scholarship, recognition in The Power of Children: Take Action area of the museum, and recognition during an awards event on November 7, 2014 at The Children's Museum.

Full details including awards criteria and rules for participation may be found at the followig link: www.childrensmuseum.org/poca

Council Welcomes New District Executive Jason Revord to Council Staff

On February 18 Sagamore Council welcomed a new District Executive, Jason Revord, to our professional staff. Jason is a 27 year old Purdue graduate who majored in history. He has a wonderful wife Stephanie and two children, Jayden, age 5 and Arianna, age 3. Jason currently resides in Wheatfield, Indiana. The Revord family enjoys vacations at their cabin in the upper peninsula of Michigan near the town of Norway. Hunting for whitetail deer and fishing is a Revord family tradition. Jason's free time is often spent with family, attending Jayden's Tee-Ball games and playing with the kids in the yard or the occassional trip to the golf course.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training at Camp Buffalo

There will be a Cub Scout Shooting Sports Training March 8, 2014. This training will cover BB gun shooting and archery. These certifications are good for 2 years, so if you have been trained,

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check your cards. The majority of our Range Officers are due for this training. The training will be held at Camp Buffalo, and each participants will need to bring a sack lunch. Access details and register via [CampMaster](#) website.

Simplified Annual Health and Medical Record to be Released March 1st

In preparation for the upcoming summer camp season, the National BSA Health and Safety Team is releasing a new, simplified Annual Health and Medical Record effective March 1st.

Part A (Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization) will contain no medical information and will be shorter by one page.

Part B (General Information/Health History) will include only the most important information needed.

Part C (Pre-Participation Physical) will be reduced to one page with expanded sections for allergy explanation.

Supplemental Risk Advisory (former Part D) will be reduced to one page with expanded sections for allergy explanation.

After March 1st, you may access the new Annual Health and Medical Record online via the following link:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

This record will also be accessible via the Sagamore Council website, www.sagamorebsa.org (Forms & Flyers Tab - National BSA Forms)

H.W. "Hod" Peabody BSA Scholarship Fund

Sagamore Council has established the H.W. "Hod" Peabody BSA Scholarship Fund within the Community Foundation. Scouts who are interested in applying for this scholarship should do so using the General Scholarship Form that is accessible via the link below. Instructions are included with the scholarship application. (Preference will be given to Eagle Scouts).

http://www.cfhoward.org/scholarship_funds.html

Register Now for University of Scouting - Spring Semester at IUK - March 22nd **(Formerly known as Merit Badge Day)**

Merit Badge day @ IUK, which is scheduled to take place March 22nd, is now titled **University of Scouting, Spring Semester**.

The reason for this change is that while we are offering merit badges for the Scouts, we will also offer training for Scouters. This format will be used at both IUK in the spring and Purdue in the fall.

There will not be University of Scouting by itself in November.

Register now for University of Scouting, Spring Semester at [CampMaster](#) website!

[Updated Merit Badge University at IUK Flyer](#)

ScoutAbout 5K/10K Run

Plan on joining us for the first Scout About 5K/10K Run on Saturday May 31, 2014. The race will begin at 8 AM at the Purdue West Shopping Plaza in West Lafayette, Indiana. You will have the option of a 5K or 10K course. The cost of the 5K course is \$20.00, and the 10K course will cost \$30.00. A \$5.00 late fee will apply starting May 1st. Both events are open for public participation. Further details will be available soon. Please put this date on your calendar.

We need volunteers to help with aid stations, race support, and finish line awards. Unit support is needed; this would be a great event to wear your Scout uniforms to while the community sees Scouts in action. Please contact Kevin Bowditch - Chairperson kevinbow1@comcast.net for more information or to pledge your support!

Register online at: sagamorebsa.org/htdocs/wordpress/scout-about-run/

Scouting for Food

During the month of March, the Boy Scouts host one of the largest service projects nationally, Scouting for Food. Units should allow two Saturdays to pass out flyers and then one Saturday to pick up canned goods which will help support our local food banks and community.

Scouting is about serving others, and this is a great opportunity to log service hours to help with your unit's Journey to Excellence.

[Scouting for Food Commitment Form/Patch Order](#)

Bowl-A-Thon

It's that time of year again to plan for your Bowl-A-Thon, a fun event for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and leaders. This will be the 26th year for the Sagamore Council Bowl-A-Thon. Last year the Bowl-A-Thon raised \$5000 which was split 50/50 between the Council and the Packs/Troops. It's a fun event with no product to sell, no door-to-door, and no collecting of money. To get started, call Russ Wiseman at 219-819-0070, or email Russ at prodata@rhsi.tv.

Wood Badge

April 25-27 & May 16-18, 2014 at Cary Camp

Wood Badge is leadership training for volunteer leaders involved in all phases of Scouting - Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Exploring, and Venturing, as well as council and district leaders, and professionals. Wood Badge combines the most current leadership skills used by corporate America with the best of successful outdoor leadership programs and nearly 100 years of Scouting experience.

Each participant must be a registered adult Scouter with basic training for their particular scouting position and any Outdoor Skills training appropriate for that position. There are no special physical or outdoor abilities required. Wood Badge is a six-day course conducted over two full three-day weekends. The first weekend reflects the unit meeting, while the second weekend uses a camping activity as its delivery model. The focus is on leadership skills, not outdoor skills. This year's course will be held at Cary Camp in Lafayette.

Register on Campmaster at <http://Sagamore.camp-master.com>. If you have questions, email or call Course Director [Chris Jones](#) at 765-437-1110.

Philmont 2015

Sagamore Council has been awarded a Philmont Council Trek consisting of two crews for 2015. Arrival date at Philmont is July 15, 2015, and departure for home is July 27, 2015. If train travel is used, as in the past, departure from the Lafayette area will be on July 13 or 14 with a return late in the evening on July 28, 2015. We are looking for a Troop(s) or Crew(s) to organize and lead one or both of the 12 person Trek crews and provide necessary Scouts to fill them.

Trek crews have a minimum of 7 persons with 4 of these being youth. Scouts must be 14 at the time of the Trek or be 13 and have finished 8th grade. Maximum number of adults is 4 for crews of 8 or more, but youth should have preference. Crews must have at least 2 adults, and 3 are recommended. All persons must meet the height and weight requirements of Philmont and pass a physical on arrival. Expected cost per person is estimated at \$1250 - \$1300, excluding

items of a personal nature. Popcorn funds can be used, and limited scholarship funds may be available from Philmont. It is the Council's intent to have both crews filled completely; unused slots will be expected to be advertised council-wide for youth.

The Council Contingent Coordinator, [David Hall](#), may be reached via email or at 765-427-2486. The crews are going to be allocated on a first come/first served basis to qualified units and/or individuals who are prepared to put up non-refundable deposits of \$100 per person. For detailed information on Philmont Treks, use the following link:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Philmont/Camping.aspx>

Pinewood Derby Racing Track Available for Races at Council Service Center

If your Cub Scout pack is in need of a location and racing track for your Pinewood Derby race, we have good news! The Council has a 3-lane wooden Pinewood Derby track available for use downstairs in the Council Service Center in Kokomo. If you are interested in reserving the room and racing track, call 765-452-8253 or 800-844-0537.

Grant from Howard County Community Foundation is Greatly Appreciated

Sagamore Council would like to recognize and thank the Howard County Community Foundation for a recent grant to the council to restore use of the basement of our Service Center in Kokomo. This grant enabled us to replace the water-damaged flooring in the basement of the building, restoring its utility for all kinds of Scouting activities. This large room downstairs is now available for trainings, meetings and other events. Call 765-452-8253 or 800-844-0537 for additional information.

Webelos Woods

Webelos Woods will be held at Cary Damp March 14-16. This event is a great opportunity for your Webelos to camp overnight and experience a memorable Cross Over. There will also be time Saturday morning for them to work on Scout Skills. Check www.sagamorebsa.org Council Forms & Flyers page for additional information. Registration for Webelos Woods will be via

[CampMaster](#). For more information contact Chas Triplett at 574-278-7114.

Some Staff Positions Still Available for 2014 Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo

If you are interested in serving as a staff member at 2014 Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo this year, email [Pat Harding](#) or call Pat at 765-743-9795. There are still positions to be filled!

[Summer Camp Staff Application](#)

Interstate Battery Fundraising Opportunity

Participate in the Interstate Batteries Fundraiser to fund your Scouts' camping experience! [Find details here](#).

The sale will run from February 28 through March 28, 2014. If you have questions about the Battery Sale, email [Sherry Brady](#) or call 765-452-8253.

[Unit Commitment Form for Battery Sale](#)
[Interstate Battery Sale Brochure](#)
[Unit Order Tally Form](#)

2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan July 28 - August 8, 2015

In the summer of 2015 more than 30,000 Scouts and leaders from 161 countries around the world will converge on Kiarara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. *We are looking for adult leaders for our Troop and Crew Leaders.* See links below:

[World Scout Jamboree Brochure](#)
[World Scout Jamboree 2015 Website](#)
[World Jamboree Adult Leader Application](#)

\$1.00 Transfer Fee Eliminated

Effective January 1, 2014, all registration transfer fees were eliminated. Adults and youth in traditional units, in Exploring, and

our non-unit registrants, no longer are required to pay a transfer fee.

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

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 topographical maps covering campgrounds and hiking trails in the US and Canada. Each topographical 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 or email [Jeff Barber](#).

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.

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 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 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](#)

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](#)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

March 2014

- 4 Property Committee - Camp Buffalo
- 8 Cub Scout Shooting Sport Training at Camp Buffalo
- 8 Scouting for Food
- 10 Finance Committee - Kokomo
- 10 Program Committee - Cary Camp
- 14-16 Webelos Woods at Cary Camp
- 17 Executive Committee - Kokomo
- 22 Merit Badge University at IU Kokomo
- 28 Interstate Battery Sale Ends
- 29 Scouting for Food

[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 Pinewood Derby

This year's Pinewood Derby race will be held in Logansport. The chair for this event is Jeremy Pattee. For all inquiries, he can be reached at 574-753-4046. [Printable Flyer/Rules for North Star Pinewood Derby](#).

Cub Scout Day Camp Changes Within Peshewa District for 2014

In response to many comments we have received regarding families' busy summer schedules, the 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!

Saturday, June 7th - Samonie State Reservoir (A "One-Day" Day Camp)

Monday, June 30 - Wednesday, July 2 - Rainbow Christian Camp (Converse) (A "Three-Day" Day Camp)

Saturday, July 26th - Location TBA (A "One-Day" Day Camp)

Pricing and additional details for these camps will be available soon!

For more information on these Cub Scout Day Camps, please contact Susan Livings (Camp Director) at 574-344-3103 or Megan Day (Program Director) at 765-480-2447.

Cub Scout Day Camp Staffing Needs

We are looking for youth and adults to assist with Day Camp Staff with any, or all, of the five days of Day Camp. We particularly are looking for Boy Scout youth who would like to be part of our Day Camp Staff. Day Camp volunteers will work with campers and be part of implementing the program of Day camp. Anyone Interested in being part of Day Camp staff should contact Susan Livings at 574-344-3103 or Megan Day at 765-480-2447.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

Saturday April 12, 2014 - Howard County Fairgrounds (Greentown)

Derby rules and information on event discounts will be made available at the February Leader Roundtable on Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM in Greentown. [Peshewa Pinewood Derby Race Flyer](#)

Boy Scout Spring Camporee

Friday, May 2- Sunday, May 4 - Glass' Farm (Upland)

Rex Banter and Troop 427 have agreed to host the upcoming camporee. A leader's guide with more information will be presented at the March Roundtable. 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.

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Wabash Valley Pinewood Derby April 5th

Tiptecanoe Mall in Front of Sears

Don't forget to prepare your top three finishers from your pack for the Wabash Valley District Pinewood Derby April 5th! More information can be found [here](#). There is also an open race for any parents, siglings, friends, or community members who would like to enter their own car! Details for that race can be found [here](#).

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](#).

Wabash Valley Unit Commissioner Call-Out

Do you know of an experienced Scouter who has grown past the point of attending week to week meetings, but still loves the program? Maybe their kid has moved on to college, and working on the unit level doesn't make sense for them anymore? If you know someone who understands the program and is a great advisor, they might make a great Unit Commissioner! A Unit Commissioner serves as a link between the district and the units and helps maintain the health of our units! Wabash Valley District is currently interested in seeing who YOU think might fit this type of role. The district requires a crews of about 20 dedicated individuals serving our units, and we have a select number of openings. If you have an indea of someone who might fit this role, feel free to send Dylan Melling an email at Dylan.Melling@Scouting.org.

Order of the Arrow Section C6-A Conclave April 11-13, 2014 at Vincennes University

Registered for the Conclave is via the [CampMaster](#) website. The registration fee is \$35.00 if paid on or before March 28th and \$45.00 if paid after March 28th. Participants must pay when they register. Any Order of the Arrow member may participate.

Questions? Contact [Chris Taylor](#) via email or by phone at 765-623-1322 or call Matt Bender at 765-452-8253.

Order of the Arrow Takachsin Lodge Contacts:

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

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.*

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*

Wabash Valley District Contacts:

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

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

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