Please Note: The Sagamore Council Service Center and Trading Post will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President’s Day.

News Blast February 6, 2014

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

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.

Spell Day 2014

Three-member teams of all ages are invited to participate in the Regional Workforce Board Spelling Bee for Literacy on Saturday, February 22nd from 1 PM to 3 PM at Sunnyside Middle School. Entry fee is $25 per team and is due Monday, February 17, 2014. Entry Team Scholarships are available.

The event, sponsored this year by the Region 4 Workforce Board and the Journal and Courier, will benefit nine Adult Basic Education providers in the 12-county Economic Growth Region 4.

Spell Day details and team registration form.

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
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 has evolved over the years. Today’s Wood Badge focuses on leadership and "people" skills, not Scout craft or outdoor skills. Participants learn how to be better leaders, how to work with teams and lead others, and how to develop and achieve objectives. 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. Leadership skills developed through Wood Badge, while obviously applicable to Scouting, will also help participants be more effective leaders at work, at home, or in other volunteer roles.

You must be a registered adult scouter with basic training for your particular scouting position and any Outdoor Skills training appropriate for your position. There are no special physical or outdoor abilities required. You must be able to have fun!

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. And did we mention fun?
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: Chris Jones, Course Director - Cell Phone 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

In-Store Clinics at Lowes Will Help Scouts Learn Design Tips and Tricks for Pinewood Derby Cars

Lowes and the Dremel Brand are teaming up to run a series of in-store clinics to help Scouts build the ultimate pinewood racecar.

The remaining scheduled clinic will be on Feb. 15 from 11 AM to 1 PM at Lowe's locations nationwide. Packs looking for a fun demo event are encouraged to call their local stores to confirm the date and time of the clinics. In addition to gaining new knowledge of car design tips and tricks, clinic participants will receive an official race badge patch and a coupon for 10 percent off their entire purchase if they purchase select Dremel tools, accessories and attachments. Once a car is built, each Scout is invited to visit:

www.Facebook.com/Dremel
where he can enter his final Pinewood Derby Days car design through Feb. 22 for a chance to win the Dremel Ultimate Derby Crew Prize Pack and be named the new Dremel and Lowe's Pinewood Derby Days champion. The winner will also have his design displayed in Lowe's stores during the 2015 season. To get started, Scouts can visit www.DremelDerby.com.

Printable "Scorch the Competition" Flyer

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.

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, 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. A flyer will be available via the Council
website soon.

Merit Badge Day @ IUK has a New Name

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.

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

Apply Now for Lowes Eagle Scout Project Grant While They Are Still Available

Scouts working on Eagle Scout projects are encouraged to apply for one of the Lowes Charitable and Education Foundation grants that are still available. These grants are awarded in the form of a $100 Discover Gift Card to be used for the purchase of supplies for an Eagle Project.

Once a grant recipient's project is completed, a few simple steps ("Scout Obligations") must be completed before April 30, 2014. These include submission of receipts for items purchased with the grant, submission of "before" and "after" photos of the project, and submission of a brief electronic report about the completed Eagle project. Applications should be turned in to Sagamore Council as soon as possible. If you have questions, call 765-452-8253 or email Claudia Van Noy.

Lowes Eagle Scout Project Grant Application

Interstate Battery Fundraising Opportunity

Who likes to camp? Camping offers your Scouts the opportunity to participate in physically and intellectually challenging activities, introduces them to new and rewarding experiences, and provides them with supportive and caring relationships. Provide a memorable camping experience for your Scouts in 2014!

Participate in the Interstate Batteries Fundraiser to fund your Scouts' camping experience. 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.

Who doesn't use batteries? It's an easy sale item without the hassles! No distribution centers are involved because once your unit's order is
placed, the batteries are shipped directly to your unit representative.

The sale flyers and information will be distributed at the February Roundtables due to the recent snow storm. The sale will run from February 28 through March 28, 2014. The glossy take order form should be given out a day or two before the sale date kick off and then be collected on the last day of the sale. Enter and tabulate your Unit's Battery order on an electronic spreadsheet that can be printed and turned in to Council no later than Friday, April 4th by 5:00 PM. The full payment must be received with your unit's order form in the form of one check.

(If you are going to mail your order and payment, it must be received by Friday, April 4th by 5:00 PM so you must mail it in time to be received by the date and time deadline.)

There will be no late orders or additional orders accepted! Each unit's 40% commission will be deposited in the appropriate unit account on or by April 15th and can be used toward your unit's Council camping fees in 2014. The batteries will be delivered directly to the unit representative that placed your unit's order.

So go out and sell a practical item that everyone can use from a reputable company. If you have further questions, contact Sherry Brady via email or phone 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.
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.

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.

Philmont 2015 Unit Registration Information Is 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 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.
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

Scouting Alumni Association Offers Two Levels of Participation

Access Details here

COUNCIL CALENDAR

February 2014

7-9  Woodbadge Staff Training Weekend at Cary Camp

9   Lincoln Pilgrimage - Wabash, Indiana

17  Executive Board Meeting at Camp Buffalo

17  Office closed in Observance of President's Day

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  Webelos Woods at Cary Camp
North Star District Announcements

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](#).

North Star District Eagle Scout

Charles Dilliard        Crew 2149

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

Cub Scout Day Camp Changes!

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 - Mississinewa State Reservoir (Peru) (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 made available at the Volunteer Leader Roundtable on Wednesday, February 12th in Greentown.

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.

**Big Thank You**
We want to take a moment and thank Don Harper for organizing the OA Winter Klondike and for creating a wonderful event that created lasting memories for many of our boys. His contribution to Scouting, the Order of the Arrow and the Peshewa District has been immense and we thank Don for all the hard work he has done for running such a great event. We look forward to seeing you at the next Scouting activity. Thank you Don!

Peshewa District Eagle Scout:

Bradley Miller        Troop 465

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

Scout About 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!

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. There will be more information at our February Roundtable.

**Pinewood Derby April 5th**

Tippecanoe 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, siblings, 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](#).

**Roundtable Reminder**

Don't forget that roundtable will be on February 13th at 7 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church. Remember that there are some sweets available for an at-will donation, so feel free to bring a sweet tooth! Not just unit leaders are invited to roundtable; all Scouting parents who want to learn more about Scouting are encouraged to attend.

**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 crew of about 20 dedicated individuals serving our units, and we have a select number of openings. If you have an idea of someone who might fit this role, feel free to send Dylan Melling an email at [Dylan.Melling@Scouting.org](mailto:Dylan.Melling@Scouting.org).
Wabash Valley District Eagle Scout

Adam Choules  Crew 2391

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

The Lodge is changing. Arrow men should join in and take part in the new and exciting format. The lodge is meeting as a whole each month at Grissom Air Museum, located at IN 218 & US 31, Peru. The meetings are on the first Sunday of each month from 2 PM till 4 PM, including fun activities, snacks, ceremony team practice, and they end with a short business meeting.

This month the Lodge will be helping at the Lincoln Pilgrimage. If you want to join in, contact Lucas Bowman at 574-626-3479. The Takachsin Lodge Annual Banquet is February 15th at Main Street Methodist Church in Kokomo. If you and/or your family would like to attend, please register on CampMaster. In March the Lodge will be helping with the Cross Over Ceremony at Webelos Woods. If you would like to be part of this, contact Payton Brewer at 765-988-0151. April is the time the Lodge attends Conclave. This year Conclave will be held at Vincennes University. It will be a fun and exciting time. If you would like to attend, contact Matthew Bowman at 574-626-3479.

In March and April the lodge will be conducting unit elections. If you would like to help with this process or schedule your unit’s election, contact Don Harper at 765-860-4474. Takachsin Lodge has a lot going on and needs your participation. We encourage all youth and adult members to join in, either totally or in a specific area. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact Lodge Advisor Steve Bowman at 765-252-8526.

Order of the Arrow Section C6-A Conclave
April 11-13, 2014 at Vincennes University
Preparations are being made for the 2014 Order of the Arrow Section C-6A Conclave, the "Quest for the Golden Sash." This event will be held on April 11-13, 2014 at Vincennes University, 1002 North 1st Street, Vincennes, Indiana. Get registered 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 may pay at the event. 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.

**Takachsin Lodge Contacts:**

Lodge Chief - Lucas Bowman
Lodge Advisor - Steve Bowman
Staff Advisor - Chas Triplett

**Tributes / Memorial Contributions**

**In Memory of: Art Anderson**

From:

Alan Harvath

**In Memory of: Robert Chambers**

From:

Elizabeth Whitham

**In Memory of: John Folkers**

From:

Joseph & Diana Davis
In Memory of: Wayne "Roger" Riggs

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