

Note: The Sagamore Council Service Center and Trading Post will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



News Blast January 15, 2014

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.

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.

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](#)

Quick Links

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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](#)

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.

Upcoming clinics will be on Jan. 18 & 25 and Feb. 1 and 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.

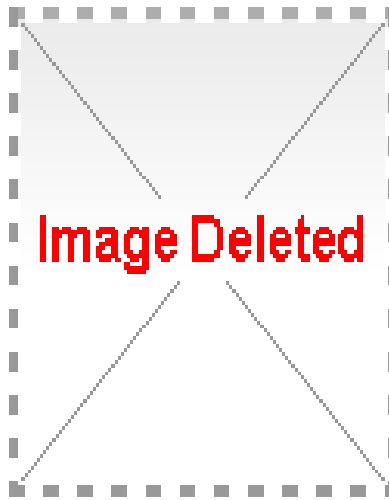
[Printable "Scorch the Competition" Flyer](#)

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.

Interstate Battery Fundraising Opportunity

Who likes to camp? Camping offers your Scout(s) 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. See links below:

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

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

Effective January 1, 2014, all registration transfer fees were eliminated. This means that adults and youth in traditional units, in Exploring, and our non-unit registrants, no longer 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.

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 or email [Jeff Barber](#).

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.

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 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](#)

Scouting Alumni Association Offers Two Levels of Participation

[Access Details here](#)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

January 2014

17-18 Winter Klondike at Camp Buffalo

- 20 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 20 Executive Committee
- 31 Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction & Trade-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

[View Full Council Google Calendar](#)

(This calendar includes [District](#) events, meetings and roundtables in addition to Council events.)

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 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 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*

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