



News Blast September 29, 2014

Clarification Concerning Applications for Financial Assistance for Needy Scouts

The Sagamore Council, Boy Scouts of America, has a Needy Scout fund with monies available for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers who are in need of financial help with registration fees. The expense of the uniform, starter patches (Council Strip, World Crest and unit numbers) and the handbook are the parents' responsibility. Baden Powell, founder of the Scout movement, thought it was an important lesson for a Scout to "earn his own way," and we would like to see that in our own Scouting families.

A donor has contributed funds to assist Scouts with shirt expenses, but he would like the Scout and family to have a "vested interest" prior to receiving the assistance. A Scout must achieve his first rank (Bobcat/Scout) prior to qualifying to receive a Needy Scout uniform shirt. Once the funds donated specifically for shirts are depleted, no more requests will be granted.

When completing your Application for Financial Assistance, keep in mind that if the section for Explanation of Need is not completed or if your unit leader's signature and contact information is not completed, your application will be returned to you. Our committee is unable to assess true "need" if household income and/or an explanation of need are not provided.

Handbooks and patches are a minimal expense to families if assistance is granted.

Voice of the Scout Survey 2014

Please watch your email inbox for the Voice of the Scout (VOS) survey. This is a valuable tool designed to facilitate gathering direct feedback from Scout leaders, parents, and Scouts over age 14 by way of a nationally issued survey. These are being emailed from late September through December to the most current email addresses we have for Scouts, parents and leaders. We encourage all recipients of this survey to complete it. Once the surveys have been processed, any written comments will be delivered by Commissioners to appropriate units for discussion.

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Units Should Not Use Phrase "Fun With a Purpose" to Promote Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America National Council is asking local councils and their units to not use the phrase "Fun with a Purpose" as a promotional slogan for any Scouting activities. This phrase is a registered trademark that is owned by the company that publishes Highlights magazine. Just as BSA expects others to respect its trademark rights, we strive to respect the rights of others.

[Access Frequently Asked Questions Reference Sheet on this topic](#), including instructions on how to proceed from here.

Cub Scout Shoot-Out October 11 at Cary Camp

At Cary Camp on October 11 there will be a shooting sports day for all Cub Scouts. Wabash Valley District is hosting this event, but units from all districts are welcome to register and attend. Participants can choose from a morning or afternoon session. Cost is \$5.00 for full morning or afternoon of shooting BB guns, archery, and sling shots. Enrollment for this event is capped at 128 Scouts per session to ensure that youth are active the entire time! Registration and additional information are available via [CampMaster](#) website. No registrations will be accepted after October 8th.



Sagamore Council's Haunted Cub Weekend Cary Camp, Lafayette IN

Supper and breakfast will be provided.

Cost = \$12.50 per person.

Choose one of two sessions:

October 24-25, 2014

Session 1

October 25-26, 2014

Session 2

This is a family camping overnight that the whole family will enjoy!

Access event details and register by pack via [CampMaster](#).

[Access Printable Cub Haunted Weekend Flyer](#)

Surcharge for Membership Registration Fee Payments Paid by Credit Card

Please Note: A 3% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions for payment of membership registration fees.

Advancement Reporting

We need your help. Please take time to verify that your advancements are up to date. You may do this by contacting [Laura Stanifer](#), Council Registrar at the Hingst Service Center, or [Chas Triplett](#), Council Program Director.

Please submit advancement reports on what your Scouts have done this summer at unit events and Resident and Day Camps. This should be done even if you are holding the awards to give to Scouts at a later pack meeting or court of honor.

If you purchase advancements out of council, please submit an advancement report to the Hingst Service Center. This will help keep your unit advancement records up-to-date.

We are here to assist you in serving the youth in your units. If you need help with anything, please feel free to contact us at 765-452-8253.

Scouting Program Update Information Available

The next three years promise to be exciting for Scouting as all three of our traditional programs will be updated based on several years of volunteer-led research and development.

Venturing is first up in 2014 with a totally new program and recognition approach focusing on progressive development in adventure, leadership, and service to others and personal growth. Cub Scout program changes will go into effect in 2015, and in 2016 changes in the Boy Scout program will be implemented. See link below to access

details about the upcoming changes to all three programs.

[Access details concerning upcoming Program Changes](#)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) "Voice of Democracy" Scholarship Deadline for Application is Nov. 1st

Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition.

The VFW established the Voice of Democracy program (VOD) in 1947 to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each (State) VFW Department wins an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Application deadline is November 1st. [Click here to access details](#)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Scout of the Year Scholarship Program

Through the VFW's Scout of the Year program, members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country have the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to \$5,000. Scouts should submit the completed VFW Scouting Scholarship form, resume of high school activities, scouting record, community service record and letters of recommendation to a local VFW Post. Deadline for submissions is March 1st. [Click here to access details](#)



**University of Scouting - Fall Semester
Purdue University, West Lafayette IN
November 15, 2014**

Numerous Merit Badges for Boy Scouts All Kinds of Adult Trainings

(Watch future E-Blast for additional details)

Share the Adventure of Scouting! New Video Available to Facilitate Peer to Peer Recruiting

We are so glad that you are involved in Scouting. Whether you are a parent, a leader, or a volunteer, you make a tremendous difference in the lives of young people through your commitment to Scouting. We are excited about the new Scouting year and all of the fun that is in store for kids. Wouldn't it be great to have some of your friends or son's best friends involved, or maybe neighbors, or teammates?

Let's invite them to join the adventure of Scouting. We've created a video you can forward to friends that explains Scouting and the potential it has to build men of great character for our country's future.

Share this video with your friends by email or on other social media channels! While you're at it, invite them to visit your next pack, troop or crew meeting!

[Build an Adventure Video](#)

REMINDER:

**Units Can Report Service Hours By Utilizing Button on
Council Website Home Page**



A "button" on the home page of our council website (www.sagamorebsa.org) provides a quick and easy way to record the impact of Scouting in our communities. This button will open a fillable online form that is very simple to submit. ([Click here to see what this form looks like.](#))

When you report your unit's completed service activities and hours, you: 1) help your unit's score in Journey to Excellence, and 2) you also help us show how important Scouting is to our chartering and community partners. Examples of common unit activities that should be included are: Participation in a parade; helping to clean up at a church, school, or community event; Eagle Scout projects; assisting your chartering organization by serving at a dinner or similar event; and helping with church services. If you have any questions about using this online form to submit your unit's community service hours, call the Scout Service Center at 765-452-8253 or 800-844-0537 for assistance.

New Cub Scout Adventure Program Webelos/Arrow of Light Transition - Option Added

The new option allows boys who earned their Webelos rank prior to June 2015 to continue using the current requirements and their current handbook to complete their Arrow of Light requirements.

The other option allows a boy to bridge into the new program using the new required adventures and also use activity pins earned in the current program but not applied to Webelos rank requirements to satisfy elective requirements in the new program.

The new program requirements for Webelos and Arrow of Light place a significant emphasis on the skills and concepts necessary for a successful transition into Boy Scouts. Den leaders are encouraged to review the new requirements closely and make the best decision for the boys in their den.

Stay Updated with Text Alert Messages

You may now subscribe to receive text alert messages from your district of Sagamore Council on your cell phone. Simply text the name of your district (without any spaces) to **84483**. If you live in Peshewa District, text **PESHEWA**; for North Star District, text **NORTHSTAR**, and for Wabash Valley District text **WABASHVALLEY**. Individuals who subscribe to this free service will stay informed about weather-related event updates, last minute updates about details of district or council events, and, occasionally, important Scouting program reminders. Whatever texting plan you may have on your phone will apply.

Unit Charter Lapse Period Change - Frequently Asked Questions

[Click here](#) to access important information concerning changes that will go into effect January 1, 2015, concerning re-registration and Lapse Period Change and its implications for units.

BSA National Adopt-A-School Program



Use the links below to learn about this program:

[Adopt-a-School Website Home Page](#)

[Adopt-a-School Project Materials](#)

*Keep in mind that your unit's service hours
count toward Journey to Excellence!*

New 1910 World Crest Ring Is Available!



Everyone who was not able to purchase the 1910 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!

Earn Free Healthy Unit Patches for Following BSA ScoutStrong Recommendations

[Access information here.](#)



Scholarship Opportunities for Scouts

[Click here to access Scholarship Information for Scouts](#)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

October 2014

- 1 Internet Access for Unit Renewal Opens
- 5 OA Lodge Meeting 2 - 4 PM Grissom Air Museum
- 7 Property Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 8 Show & Sell Popcorn Inventory Return (only unopened, undamaged cases and no 8 pk Unbelievable Butter)
- 11 Cub Scout Shoot-Out at Cary Camp (Wabash Valley District Event, however all all districts are welcome.)
- 17-19 OA Fall Fellowship Weekend - Camp Buffalo
- 24-25 Cub Haunted Weekend Session #1 - Cary Camp
- 25-26 Cub Haunted Weekend Session #2 - Cary Camp
- 28 Commissioner Meeting - 6 PM - Cary Camp
- 31 Popcorn Orders Due online by Noon

November 2014

- 1 Cub Scout Shooting Sports Instructor Training 10 AM - 6 PM Hingst

- Service Center, Kokomo (Basement)
- 2 OA Lodge Meeting 2 - 4 PM Grissom Air Museum
 - 4 Property Committee Meeting 7 PM
 - 10 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM at Hingst Service Center, Kokomo
 - 10 Program Committee Meeting 7 PM at Cary Camp
 - 11 Popcorn Distribution
 - 15 University of Scouting - Purdue University 8 AM - 4 PM
 - 17 Executive Committee Meeting - 7 PM Hingst Service Center, Kokomo
 - 21 Unit Renewal Paperwork Due to Council
 - 25 Commissioner Meeting - 6 PM - Cary Camp
 - 27-28 Office & Camps closed for Thanksgiving

[View Full Council Google Calendar](#)

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

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*

Welcome to Scouting Family Weekend

October 11 - 12, 2014

Bass & Bucks
500 W Lot 1 Millcreek Pike, Wabash

Event includes overnight camping. Registration is to be completed online at [CampMaster](#) by unit.

Activities will include slingshots, rope making, obstacle course, games, and much more!

[For a full guide to the weekend access Parent & Leaders Guide here](#)

Fall Membership Ice Cream Challenge

The Peshewa District is offering a Fall Membership Ice Cream Challenge to all Scouting units within the Peshewa District. If your unit meets its membership goal by October 31st, the Peshewa District will pay for an ice cream party with (of course) the ice cream, spoons, bowls, and SPRINKLES!!!

To learn more about this program, or to find out what your unit's challenge is, please contact [Melody Kegel](#).

NOW HIRING - Youth Program Leaders Needed in Kokomo, Marion and Peru

General Function: Lead Scouting activities for youth ages 7-17. Serve 2-4 locations each week in an after-school format, Monday-Friday, and work occasional weekends. Our program runs around the local community schools' schedule with some summer opportunities. Program Aides will average 7- 15 hours per week. Programs take place in housing communities, community centers, churches and other locations. Necessary training is provided for all positions.

Requirements: Applicants must be 21 years old with high moral character and have reliable automobile transportation to get to and from meeting locations. Applicants should have experience working with children and be able to be a mentor, instruct, and work with 5-20 Scouts at a time in an inner-city after-school format.

To Apply: Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to [Matt Bender](#).

Deadline to Apply: October 15, 2014

Reminder about Recharter Dates

This fall recharter opens on October 1st, and all charters are due to the council office by November 21st. Payments are due the same day that popcorn payments are due - on December 5th. There is no grace period anymore, so if your unit isn't rechartered by January 1st, there are serious consequences for not doing so. Make sure you get started early and stay on top of it. If you need help or have questions, talk to [Matt](#) or [Daniel](#).

Peshewa District Calendar

October

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| 1 | Unit Renewal (Recharter)- Internet Access Opens |
| 5 | Order of the Arrow Lodge Meeting - 2:00 PM - Grissom air Force Museum |
| 8 | Volunteer Roundtable - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown) |
| 11-12 | Cub Scout Welcome to Scouting - Bass & Bucks (Wabash) |
| 17-19 | Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship - Camp Buffalo |
| 22 | District Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown) |
| 24-25 | Cub Scout Haunted Weekend, Session 1 - Cary Camp |
| 25-26 | Cub Scout Haunted Weekend, Session 2 - Cary Camp |

November

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| 2 | Order of the Arrow Lodge Meeting - 2:00 - Grissom Air Force Museum |
| 12 | Chaplain's Roundtable - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown) |
| 12 | Volunteer Roundtable - 7:00 PM - Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown) |
| 15 | University of Scouting Fall Semester - Purdue University (West Lafayette) |
| 19 | District Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Howard county 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown) |

Peshewa Valley District Eagle Scout:

Benjamin Weaver Troop 433

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*

Cub Scout Shoot-Out October 11 at Cary Camp

The Cub Scout Shoot Out is filling up quickly! Please be sure to check out [CampMaster](#) for registration details and to get your Cubs signed up for this fun day of shooting BB guns, archery, and more!

District Awards

Please be sure to submit all nominations for District Awards to Dylan Melling by October 10th. All of our awards can be found at the District webpage. Award winners will be invited as our guests of honor at the District Dinner on Dec. 4th. Registration for the District dinner is now open on [CampMaster](#)!

Veterinarian Career Exploring Update

Find out more about the Veterinary Exploring program on Thursday, October 16th, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Battle Ground Veterinary Clinic, located at 4410 Swisher Rd, West Lafayette, at the entrance to Prophetstown State Park. We will also be having our first meeting immediately following the orientation and registration. "An Introduction to Small Animal Medicine" will be presented by Dr. Wittke and Dr. Maxwell.

This Exploring post will meet monthly at various places. Please feel free to bring along a friend. The annual registration fee is \$30.00 per youth.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend! Contact Colin Earl (not the clinic please) with the Exploring program at (920) 540-8015 or email your response to: Colin.Earl@scouting.org.

Law Enforcement Career Exploring Program

Tippecanoe Law Enforcement will be hosting an in-depth look into law enforcement careers. Explorers will get to learn about crime scene investigation, traffic stops, field sobriety, and have the ability to participate in a ride along with an officer. Please contact [Colin Earl](#) if interested.

Recharter & Journey to Excellence

We are approaching the time to start your recharter process. During this time please work with your unit committee on evaluating your unit's Journey to Excellence. This should be turned in with your charter. Give your unit credit for all the hard work and quality program you have been doing. Service hours can be submitted through [Colin Earl](#).

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/scorecards/2014.aspx>

Wabash Valley District Eagle Scouts:

Alexander Bouman	Troop 335
Leonard Halascsak	Troop 335
Daniel Rollock	Troop 335
Jeffrey Stroud	Troop 373

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

The October roundtable is quickly approaching and will be held on the 11th at Camp Buffalo. The event starts at ten and runs until two, and the training for Cub leaders will be BALOO training while the Scout leaders will take a class on running an orienteering course. The Boy Scouts will join the Scout leaders and earn their orienteering badge while the Cubs will have a sport activity day with a "Minute to Win It" theme.

Lunch will be provided by the district and will be free of charge, so everyone come out and enjoy the activities at Camp Buffalo.

North Star District Eagle Scouts:

Clark Gudas	Troop 229
Lucas Villalpando	Troop 167
Eric Wood	Troop 152

Takachsin Lodge - Order of the Arrow

Order of the Arrow Takachsin Lodge Contacts:

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

Upcoming Events:

October

October 5 - Lodge Meeting at 2 PM: This meeting is held at the Grissom Air Museum, near Peru, IN. All Arrowmen are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is a great opportunity to get information and offer input into various events.

October 17-19 - OA Fall Fellowship at Camp Buffalo: Call to all Arrowmen of the TAKACHSIN Lodge to join us for the 2014 OA Fall Fellowship at Camp Buffalo. The cost

for the weekend is \$19. Registration is required online through CampMaster by October 13, 2014. Activities will include canoeing, bicycling, and much more FUN! Brotherhood testing, Vigil Honors, and election of new lodge officers will all be done at the Fellowship.

November

November 2 - Lodge Meeting at 2 PM at Grissom Air Museum, 1000 W Hoosier Blvd, Peru, Indiana. Everyone is welcome to attend.

December

December 6 - Winter Banquet: Come celebrate the Lodge's anniversary and the year's accomplishments during the Winter Banquet to be held at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kokomo IN. The event begins at 10:30 with fellowship and will include lunch and other activities. Feel free to invite your family to attend with you to celebrate. NOTE: Payment is required with this on-line reservation. Please have method of payment ready during registration. Earn a FREE patch for registering on-line using CampMaster!!

Order of the Arrow Event Calendar Available

An updated Order of the Arrow Event Calendar for June 2014 through August 2015 is now available! [Click here to access this calendar.](#)

Training Information

Training Contacts:

North Star District Training Chair - [Scott Grandstaff](#)
Peshewa District Training Chair - [Randy Rusch](#)
Wabash Valley District Training Chair - (Vacant at this Time)
Council Training Staff Advisor - [Chas Triplett](#)

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Instructors Course

When:	November 1, 2014 - 10 AM Sharp (Please be on time)
Where:	Sagamore Council Scout Office Basement 518 N Main Street, Kokomo Indiana
Cost:	\$5.00 (to cover the cost of book)

Bring: Sack Lunch & Water Bottle

Registration

Deadline: October 25, 2014

Register via [CampMaster](#) Reservation website.

Important Notes:

BB Gun and Archery Instructors must be 18 years or older.

Training certification is valid for 2 years from date of issue. Training cards will be given for completion of the course. Course length will be approximately 8 hours total (4 hours for BB, 4 hours for archery).

All BSA shooting Sports Instructor Trainings completed will be recorded at the Scout Service Center including the trainee's name, address, age, and date training card is issued as well as the name of lead instructor teaching the course.

No training is valid unless it is recorded at the Scout Service Center. No Exceptions.

For additional information contact Mike Nielander at 574-626-0201.

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