



News Blast November 26, 2014

Council Wide Announcements & Calendar

Sagamore Council 2015 Camp Expo

December 7, 2014

3:00 PM EST / 2:00 PM CST

Cary Camp - Lafayette, IN

Come and join us as we release the 2015 camping information. We will be reviewing all of our camping programs:

Boy Scout Resident Camp at Camp Buffalo

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Cub & Webelos Resident Adventure Camp at Cary Camp

Day Camps Council-Wide

We will gather at 3:00 PM in McAllister Hall. The program will start at 3:15 PM and be followed by a meal at 4:30 PM or when all questions have been answered. This is open to Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, Leaders, Senior Patrol Leaders, Parents, or anyone involved with your unit camping program. All we ask is that you register on CampMaster by December 4, 2014.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Winter Klondike

January 23-25, 2015

Cary Camp - Lafayette

Save this date for a fun-filled event!
(Full flyer coming soon)

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Lincoln Pilgrimage

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Hike from Marion to La Fontaine to stay overnight.

Sunday, February 8, 2015

Hike from La Fontaine to Wabash
Celebration will be at Honeywell Center in Wabash

Troops that are interested in helping with this event
should contact [Chas Triplett.](#)

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Essay Scholarship Award Application Deadline December 15th

This scholarship is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the calendar year of application.

Application consists of:

- 1) Two-page application form
- 2) Four generation ancestor chart
- 3) 500 word Patriotic Themed Essay

[Access printable SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship flyer](#)

[Access Scout Scholarship Info. Summaries](#) (with links)

Contact Person for Assistance:

George Frantz, President, William Henry Harrison Chapter, INSSAR
gwfrantz@hotmail.com
765-426-2328



Holiday Gift Shopping Ideas!

You can find great gift ideas for volunteers, Scouts or collectors at the Sagamore Council Trading Post in Kokomo!

Boy Scout LED color changing Snowman Ornament \$12.00

3 Different Nutcrackers:

Cub Scout, Boy Scout, & Scout Leader - Prices \$7.50 to \$19.99

Also, Scout Village pieces are still available!

Commissioner Tools Introduced in Sagamore Council

Sagamore Council has become one of the first councils in the nation to adopt the new Commissioner Tools program. What is Commissioner Tools you ask? It is (and should become) a unit commissioner's new best friend!!

Commissioner Tools allows unit, district, assistant district, and roundtable commissioners to record contacts with their units. What is a contact? It is any viable* conversation that addresses the health of a unit. This could be attendance to a unit meeting, committee meeting, a phone conversation, or even that chance meeting in the grocery store. A way more powerful tool than the old UVTS system, the Commissioner Tools allows you to record more information about a unit's health, document and assign accountability to a committee (i.e. membership, training, finance) to send for HELP to the unit, or just record some great strengths about each unit.

What's more important is that the field staff has easier and better access to this information as well. But wait, there's more! As a commissioner, you will have access to rosters for units in your district and training records for those units as well. What? YES! Finally - some valuable information at your fingertips to help you better serve the units as a commissioner.

Want to learn more? Contact your district commissioner for a help session or your council commissioner. Either person should be able to walk you through the process and quickly learn about making and recording unit assessments in this new on-line tool.

*viable = not just a casual "hi, how's your unit doing?" question in the dairy section of the grocery store, but an actual lengthy discussion about how the unit is functioning as a whole and what, if any, help the unit may need from the specialists on the district committee.

Exciting and Easy Fundraiser - National Camp Cards

Now that the popcorn sale has paid your unit's chartering expenses, it's time to be thinking of ways to support your unit's camping experiences in 2015! I strongly encourage all of your units to sell National Camp Cards in order to support your camping endeavors in 2015.

The National Camp Card will be a discount card with our Council's information on one side and the instructions for activating your digital savings account on the back with a "snap - off" coupon on each side. The card will sell for \$5.00 and the "snap - off" s" on each side are \$5.00 coupons. How easy will it be to sell this card at the entrance of a local business, when they can use the \$5.00 coupon and recoup their money minutes after buying! Not to mention all the additional savings coupons on the backside of the card. Win for All!

The unit will get 40% commission on every card they sell, so \$2.00.

More details will be shared at the January Roundtables.

Submit Applications for Financial Assistance for Needy Scouts with Recharter Paperwork

Leaders, please remember that if your unit has new or continuing participants who need financial assistance with registration fees, Applications for Financial Assistance for Needy Scouts should be filled out, signed by both parent and leader, and submitted to the council along with your unit recharter paperwork.

[2015 Application for Financial Assistance for Needy Scouts \(fillable\)](#)

[General information about Applications for Financial Assistance for Needy Scouts.](#)

Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Buffalo

2015 Campsite Reservations

Campsite	Week 1 (6/14/2015)	Week 2 (6/21/2015)	Week 3 (6/28/2015)	Week 4 (7/5/2015)	Week 5 (7/12/2015)
Acorn		Troop 310			
Chipmunk	Troop 167	Troop 530	Troop 58 (Crossroads)		
Hickory					
Ivey					
Oaks	Troop 126				
Pines		Troop 200			
Pioneer					
Raincrow	Troop 581	Troop 157			
Raven		Troop 570	Troop 433	Troop 501	
Red Pines		Troop 219			
Ridgeview					
Shadysides		Troop 730			Troop 201 (Calumet)
Sioux					
Trailblazer		Troop 144			
Whispering Pines	Troop 202/227		Troops 401 & 566	Troop 427	
Wilderness (Miami)		Troop 158			
STATUS:					

Campsite reservations as of 11/21/2014

2015 Silver Beaver Award Nominations

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. It's not too early to consider who you like to nominate to receive the Silver Beaver Award in 2015. (Access and review the nomination form via the link below.)

Nominations are due to the Council Service Center by Friday, February 27th.

[Silver Beaver Award 2015 Nomination Form](#)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

December 2014

- 2 Property Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 5 Popcorn Money Due to Council
- 5 Popcorn Prize Orders Due
- 6 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM -
Main Street United Methodist Church, Kokomo
- 7 Boy Scout and Cub Scout Summer Camp Expo
3 PM - 5 PM - Cary Camp
- 8 Unit Renewal Signed Paperwork and Recharter Payments
are Due to Council Office
- 15 Executive Board Meeting 7 PM - Cary Camp
- 22-23 Trading Post Closed for Inventory
- 23 Commissioner Meeting 6 PM - Cary Camp
- 24-25 Office, Trading Post & Camps Closed for Holiday
- 26-31 Trading Post Closed

January 2014

- 1 Office & Camps Closed - Happy New Year!
- 2-4 Order of the Arrow Lodge Leadership Development

- 6 Property Committee - 7 PM - Camp Buffalo
- 12 Finance Committee - Hingst Scout Service Center, Kokomo
- 12 Program Committee - 7 PM - Cary Camp
- 19 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Executive Committee - 7 PM - Cary Camp - Hingst Scout Service Center, Kokomo
- 23-25 Council Klondike - Cary Camp
- 27 Commissioner Meeting - 6 PM - Cary Camp

[View Full Council Google Calendar](#)

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

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*

Reminder - District Dinner December 4th

We would love to have you join us at the District Dinner on December 4th at Trinity United Methodist! Program to start 7pm, registration is only \$12 for a meal that will be catered by Olive Garden. We will be celebrating the achievements of the district, electing the District Committee for 2015, and handing out awards to many individuals! Registration can be found on the [Campmaster](#) website.

2015 Family FOS

Has your unit submitted its date for your 2015 Family Friends of Scouting presentation? If not, please contact [Mike Silver](#) right away. Remember that the expectation is to have all units complete their presentation in the spring. We look forward to partnering with you to make this year's campaign an even bigger success!

Unit Service Hours & Journey to Excellence Scorecard

Have your service hours been submitted to be tracked for your Journey to Excellence? Submitting them is easy and is a critical part of tracking our success as a council. You can submit service hours through the www.sagamorebsa.org website. You can enter hours that were completed any time within the last calendar year. When turning in your signed charter, please turn in your Journey to Excellence Scorecard which can be found [here](#):

Roundtable

Please be sure that your unit is sending at least one representative to Roundtable each month. Roundtable is the best tool for units to utilize to learn about upcoming events, get help with projects being worked on, and see what tools are available to assist in the unit's current endeavors. The full schedule of roundtables can be found on the Sagamore Council [Calendar](#).

Eagle Projects

Please remember that each Life Scout MUST have his project approved before he begins working on it. After obtaining authorization from the benefiting organization and unit, the Scout should bring his proposal to Roundtable to have it approved. Please remember that all proposals must be done on the official BSA Eagle Scout Workbook. Once the youth has received approval from the district he may begin working on the project. For more information please contact Brad Thada at bthada@purdue.edu or 765-376-8470

Charters

Please don't forget to have your charter payment in by December 8th. If you need any assistance please let Dylan or Colin know ASAP!

Spring Recruitment

It is time to start considering a spring Tiger roundup and other recruitment activities to get youth involved when the weather starts warming up. While youth can join year-round, spring time is a great opportunity because these kids can experience summer camp and several other outdoor activities. Units can also get these families prepared for fall events such as the popcorn sale and Fall Into Scouting to ensure success. Please contact [Dylan Melling](#) with your date.

Wabash Valley District Eagle Scout:

Jonathan DeGraw Team 2391

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*

Reminder About Recharter Dates

Fall recharter opened on October 1st, and payments are due to the Hingst Scout Service Center by or on December 8th. There is no grace period anymore; 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.

Schedule Your FRIENDS OF SCOUTING Presentation!

Please be sure to schedule your Friends of Scouting presentation this month. To continue receiving the level of service you do from Sagamore Council, we need to have a more successful fundraising year than ever before. Call Daniel or Matt at 765-452-8253, or send an email to matt.bender@scouting.org with the date of your Pack's Blue & Gold Banquet or your Troop's Court of Honor. To assist the fundraising season kickoff, you may also schedule a presentation for next year at your November or December unit meeting.

Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon

On Sunday, January 11, 2015 the Peshewa District will host it's

second annual Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon. Last year over \$1,000 was raised to go into the Art Anderson Campership Fund to send needy youth to summer camp. This year Jeremy Ramberger, event creator and event chairman, will have even more interesting bowling challenges, door prizes and overall excitement. Registration is \$20 per bowler if registered by January 7th, or \$25 per bowler if registered after January 7th. Access registration form below.

[Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon Registration 2015 Form](#)

Peshewa District Calendar

December 2014:

- 6 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet - 10:30 AM
Main St UMC (Kokomo)
- 7 Order of the Arrow Lodge Meeting - 2:00 PM
Grissom Air Force Museum
- 8 Unit Renewal (Recharter) Payments Due
Hingst Scout Service Center
- 10 Christmas Dessert and White Elephant Exchange - 7:00 PM
Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown)

January 2015:

- 2 - 4 OA Lodge Leadership Development - Cary Camp
- 11 Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon - 12:00 PM - Heritage Lanes
(Kokomo)
- 14 Chaplain's Roundtable - 7:00 PM
Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown)
- 14 Volunteer Roundtable - 7:00 PM
Howard County 4-H Fairgrounds (Greentown)
- 23 - 25 Boy Scout Winter Klondike Derby - Camp Buffalo

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.*

North Star District Eagle Scouts:

Christian Crum	Troop 157
Zachary Templeton	Troop 167

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](#)

Winter Banquet

Come celebrate 42 years of fellowship at this year's Winter Banquet! This year it will be December 6th at Main Street United Methodist Church (830 S. Main Street Kokomo, IN). Family and Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. The celebrating starts at 10:30 with one of the largest patch auction we have ever had. New officer elections will follow the auction and our Banquet starts at 12:25. Come congratulate this year's Founders and Francis Lee Award recipient. Register on CampMaster (<https://sagamore.camp-master.com/>). Deadline for Registering is December 1st.

We are looking for a few good Scouts! It is election time for Takachsin Lodge. Time to select the new leadership that will continue to improve and grow our great Lodge. Elections will be held at the Winter Banquet on December 6th. Patch Auction starts at 10:30 and elections start at 11:30. We have five (5) youth positions that make up our Lodge Executive team. These youth will decide what events and activities the Lodge will do for all of 2015. It is a great opportunity to explore your leadership abilities in a fun and friendly environment. Each office will have an adult advisor and all the help and support that one would need to fulfill their duties. 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, and it is a great time for you to serve.

The Lodge has been asked to come up with a design for the 2015 Council Winter Klondike. This is the time to show off your patch design skills. Email your designs to sbowman@haynesintl.com or give them to Steve Bowman or Chas Triplett at the OA Winter Banquet on December 6th. Deadline for turning in your design is December 6th. The Patch design winner will be recognized at the Klondike.

Training

Training Contacts:

North Star District Training Chair - (Vacant)
North Star District Outdoor Leader Skills - [Scott Grandstaff](#)
North Star District Youth Protection - [Mike Richardson](#)

Peshewa District Training Chair - [Randy Rusch](#)

Wabash Valley District Training Chair - [Ann Harding](#)

Council Training Staff Advisor - [Chas Triplett](#)

Training

Please help us keep your trainings up to date. Look at your Training Records on My.Scouting.org, if there are missing trainings or incorrect training information on your record please call Laura at the Hingst Service Center 800-844-0537.

Advancement

It is important to report Advancement as soon as your Scouts earn it. Even if you are not going to give recognitions until later, please turn Advancements in to the Hingst Service Center when they are earned. There are a lot of new Cub Scouts that were recruited this fall; these Scouts should have earned their Bobcat by now. If you have Scouts that have earned their Bobcat and you have not sent in Advancements on them, please do so.

Campmasters

We are always looking for good volunteers to serve as Campmasters at Camp Buffalo and Cary Camp. If you are interested in serving in this capacity contact Don Harper at 765-860-4474.

Service Hours

If your unit has done service hours this past year and you have not logged them on myscouting.org please contact Chas Triplett with your information. We know all units do service; it is very important that we log these hours. We are willing to help you with this if you don't want to do it on your own.

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