

Season's Greetings



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SAVE THESE DATES:

Winter Klondike

January 23-25, 2015
Cary Camp - Lafayette

Save this date for a fun-filled event!
Register via [CampMaster](#) reservation website

[Printable Flyer for Klondike](#)

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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

Register via [CampMaster!](#)

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

Webcasts on the New Cub Scouting Program Scheduled on Saturday Jan. 17

The new Cub Scouting program is launching June 1, 2015. It will be more fun and exciting for boys, and will be easier to implement for unit leaders. To ensure units are ready to make the transition, a series of webcasts will be hosted in January. The webcasts will outline the coming changes, how to prepare, and when resources will be available.

Help spread the word about these webcasts:

Cubmaster Webcasts:

Saturday, January 17 at 8:00 AM (Central)
Saturday, January 17 at 3:00 PM (Central)

Den Leader Webcasts:

Saturday, January 17 at 9:30 AM (Central)
Saturday, January 17 at 4:30 PM (Central)

LDS-Specific Considerations*:

Saturday, January 17 at 11:00 AM (Central)
Saturday, January 17 at 6:00 PM (Central)

*It is recommended that those interested in the LDS session view one of the role-specific sessions first.

Although the content will be geared to the roles listed, anyone with an interest in learning about the new Cub Scouting program is welcome to attend. The sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

It is easy to attend! Just navigate your internet browser to:

<http://www.livestream.com/bsanationalcouncil>

and you are ready to view the webcast! Help spread the word about the webcasts to ensure units are ready for the new Cub Scouting program!

As always, for more information on the new Cub Scouting Program, please log on to www.scouting.org/programupdates.

Religious Awards Program for Boy Scouts to be Offered Beginning January 21st

Registered Boy Scouts will have an opportunity to work on and earn their Religious Award. Beginning on January 21st and occurring every 1st and 3rd Wednesday through Wednesday, May 6th. The location of this program will be Grace United Methodist Church located at 219 W Mulberry Street, Kokomo IN 46901 from 7 pm - 8 pm. The cost is \$10 per Scout which includes the participant book. For more specific information, please contact Rev. John Dockery via email mms.dockery@gmail.com or by phone at 765-623-7076.

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.

2015 Summer Camp Opportunities:

(Registration will be via [CampMaster](#) website.)

Boy Scout Resident Camp

June 14 - 20, 2015	Camp Buffalo
June 21 - 27, 2015	Camp Buffalo
June 28 - July 4, 2015	Camp Buffalo
July 5 - 11, 2015	Camp Buffalo
July 12 - 18, 2015	Camp Buffalo

Adventure Camp **Cub & Webelos Resident Camp**

Session 1:	June 28 - July 1, 2015	Cary Camp
Session 2:	July 1 - 4, 2015	Cary Camp

Day Camps

June 6, 2015	- Kokomo, IN
June 23 - 26, 2015	Rensselaer, IN
June 30 - July 2, 2015	Converse, IN
July 21 - 24, 2015	Camp Buffalo - Monticello IN
July 25, 2015	Greentown, IN
July 28 - 31, 2015	Cary Camp

Family Camping

Mom and Me Cub Scout Camp

July 11 & 12, 2015 Camp Buffalo

Cub Haunted Weekend

Session 1: October 23 & 24, 2015 Cary Camp
Session 2: October 24 & 24, 2015 Cary Camp

Campership Submission Deadline is May 1, 2015

[Campership Application for Boy Scouts](#)

[Campership Application for Cub Scouts](#)

Applications for Financial Assistance for Needy Scouts

Applications for Financial Assistance with membership registration fees for Needy Scouts should be filled out, signed by both parent and leader, and submitted to the council.

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

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

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](#)

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.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

January 2014

- 1 New Year's Day - Office & Camps Closed
- 2-4 Order of the Arrow Lodge Leadership Development

- at Cary Camp
- 6 Property Committee - 7 PM - Camp Buffalo
 - 12 Finance Committee - 7 PM - Hingst Scout Service Center, Kokomo
 - 12 Program Committee - 7 PM - Cary Camp
 - 19 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
 - 19 Executive Committee - 7 PM - Cary Camp - Hingst Scout Service Center, Kokomo
 - 23-25 Council Klondike - 6 PM - Cary Camp
 - 27 Commissioner Meeting - 6 PM - Cary Camp, Lehman Room
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February 2014

- 1 OA Lodge Meeting - 2 PM - Grissom Air Museum
 - 3 Property Committee - 7 PM - Camp Buffalo
 - 8 Lincoln Pilgrimage Celebration - Honeywell Center, Wabash
 - 8 Scout Sunday
 - 16 President's Day - Office Closed
 - 16 Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 PM - Camp Buffalo
 - 24 Commissioner Meeting - 6 PM - Cary Camp
 - 27 Silver Beaver Award Nominations Due
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[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*

Cub Scouts - Pinewood Derby Building at Von Tobel's

Von Tobel's on Earl Avenue in Lafayette will cut Pinewood Derby cars for free on Saturday, January 10th and Saturday, January 24th during store hours. Note that their store hours are 7 AM - 3 PM in January. They have a number of pre-designed profiles that boys can look at for ideas as well. Be sure your boys thank them for their help; they do this as a community service.

Friends of Scouting

Has your unit submitted its date for your 2015 Family Friends of Scouting presentation? If not, please contact [Mike Silver](#) right away with your Blue and Gold / Court of Honor date. 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!

Boy Scout Klondike Derby

January 23-25 units are encouraged to signup through [CampMaster](#).

[2015 Klondike Printable Flyer](#)

Journey to Excellence

Congratulations to all our units and volunteers. Our district has earned 2,025 points toward JTE which qualifies us for being a GOLD DISTRICT!! This is a 1400 point increase over last year. Thank you to all of you for making this happen. Remember unit JTE scorecards should have been turned in with your charter. If you have not turned your in, please complete the form:

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

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.

Wabash Valley District Eagle Scouts:

Aubrey Baird	Troop 325
Christian Clase	Troop 335
Elijah Maze	Troop 348
Trev Parker	Troop 325

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*

Art Anderson Bowlathon

On Sunday, January 11, 2015, starting at noon, Peshewa District will host the Second Annual Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon. Funds raised go to the Art Anderson Campership Fund, which helps send needy youth to summer camp. The Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon will be hosted by Heritage Lanes, 1201 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN. Registration is \$20 per bowler if registered by January 7th or \$25 if registered after January 7th, so come join us in honoring Art Anderson and helping us send youth to camp. More information can be found by visiting sagamorebsa.org and going to the District tab and selecting Peshewa District.

Roundtable

The Peshewa District is holding an adult leader roundtable on the second Wednesday of each month. Roundtable is held at the Howard County 4H Fairgrounds at 7 PM in the Block building/Lions Club building. A simple dinner is provided to help those coming a long distance to attend. Any leader is welcome to attend this evening meeting. Roundtable starts at 7 PM and finishes between 8 and 8:30 PM.

Lincoln Pilgrimage

The Lincoln Pilgrimage will be holding a 75th anniversary celebration on February 8th at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, IN. More information on registration will be presented at the January Roundtable.

Family FOS

We want to thank the following units for having their Friends of Scouting presentation scheduled. Troop 566, 501, 577, and Pack 3442, 3508, 3430, 3511, 3404, 3506, 3599. If you haven't gotten your Presentation Scheduled, Please Contact Daniel Carbaugh at 765.480-3716 or Matt Bender at 765.452-8253.

Peshewa District Calendar

Upcoming dates for the Peshewa District:

January 11	Art Anderson Bowl-A-Thon 12:00 PM - Heritage Lanes (Kokomo)
January 14	District Roundtable - Greentown
January 23-25	Council Klondike - Camp Buffalo
February 8	Scout Sunday
February 8	Lincoln Pilgrimage - Wabash
February 11	District Roundtable - Greentown
February 27	Silver Beaver Nominations Due to Council Office

Keep up to date with upcoming events with the Peshewa District by liking the Peshewa District page on Facebook. Search for Peshewa District, Sagamore Council BSA. If you have a Troop or Pack Facebook page, you may add our Facebook page to it. While you're there, feel free to add the Council Facebook page at Boy Scouts of America, Sagamore Council.

Peshewa District Eagle Scouts:

John Gorsuch	Troop Troop 506
Teng Lee	Troop Troop 506

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.*

Family FOS

The 2015 Family Friends of Scouting campaign is already kicking off with big success this December!!! Thank You to the units that have already submitted a date for your Friends of Scouting presentation, and for those that have not, please contact Jason Revord right away with your Blue and Gold/Court of Honor date. We would like to have all of these presentations successfully completed by spring. We are excited to see another great year, where the promise of Scouting becomes stronger in our communities with the help of a successful Friends of Scouting Campaign!!!

Lincoln Pilgrimage

The Lincoln Pilgrimage will be holding a 75th anniversary celebration on February 8th at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, IN. Access details and register via [CampMaster](#) website.

North Star District Eagle Scouts:

Samuel Gunther	Troop 200
Samuel Mittica	Troop 227
Eric Rhodes	Troop 200

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](#)

Takachsin Lodge Leadership Development Weekend

January 2-4 will be the Lodge Leadership Development weekend at Cary Camp. Sign-in will begin at 6 PM on Friday, January 2nd. This is a great opportunity for Lodge members to receive leadership training and have some fun and fellowship.

Next Lodge Meeting to be February 1, 2015 at 2 PM

The location for the next Lodge meeting on February 1st is Grissom Air Museum, 100 West Hoosier Boulevard, Peru IN 46970. The meeting will be at 2:00 PM.

Takachsin Lodge Patches - Order Form Available

[Order Form for all 8 OA Takachsin Lodge Patches here](#)

Takachsin Lodge Event Calendar 2014 - 2015

[Takachsin Lodge - Order of the Arrow Calendar 2014-2015](#)

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.

Tributes / Memorial Contributions

In Memory of:

Robert Gray

From:

Steven Gray

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