



News Blast January 28, 2015

Council Wide Announcements & Calendar

Winter Klondike a Great Success

The 2015 Winter Klondike was a great success! We would like to thank all Scouts who participated and all leaders who made it possible for Scouts to be there. We also send a big Thank You to the Order of the Arrow for all their hard work on this event!

Save the Date:

University of Scouting - Spring

Saturday, March 28, 2015
Indiana University Kokomo

Course listing will be available soon!

Registration will be via [CampMaster](#).

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

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

Camp Work Days Scheduled

The Property Committee would like to invite all volunteers, either Scouts or adults, to participate in this year's Camp Work Days.

There will be one at Camp Buffalo on May 2nd from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm, with lunch provided. There will be one at Cary Camp May 9th from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm with lunch provided.

The Cary work day is in conjunction with the OA Spring Ordeal; if you are a member, register for the Ordeal and stay for supper.

Leave No Trace Trainer Training March 13-15 at Cary Camp

This Trainer course is designed for outdoor professionals and enthusiasts alike. Successful graduates of the Leave No Trace Trainer Course will gain skills to teach LNT techniques and ethics to their Scouts, friends and family.

Each participant should have some general knowledge of the seven LNT principles. This course is considered the "second" level of training and is suitable for adult leaders or advanced Scouts.

This is not a "camping" class - it does not teach specific outdoor skills such as mountain climbing, river crossings, camping, etc. This is a hands-on, instructional workshop where participants will learn the concept of Leave No Trace and be prepared to teach Leave No Trace curriculum in a variety of settings - whether that's in a school, camp, park, wilderness or front country area.

Cost is \$50 with meals provided. Register through [CampMaster](#). Only 12 slots available. Contact [Angie Manuel](#) by email or phone 765-567-4919.

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
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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, introduced in 1931, 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 time 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](#)

Trading Post Information

Attention Leaders - Please Note:

Due to changes being made to the Cub Scout Program, all of the books, rank awards, belt loops & pins, Webelos pins, recognition awards, and certificate cards that are associated with the Cub Scout program that will end on May 31, 2015 are no longer returnable!

Unit Account Statements

If you would like monthly statements emailed to you at the beginning of each month, please email [Debbie](#) in the Trading Post, and you will be added to our list!

Wabash College Eagle Scout Scholarship \$40,000 over 4 years; \$10,000 per Year

Visit Wabash College campus by March 23, 2015 and complete and submit application with documentation of your Eagle Scout rank by July 1, 2015 to apply.

Register to visit campus by contacting Mary Towell at 800-345-5385 or at www.wabash.edu/admissions/visit.

[Printable flyer - Wabash College Eagle Scout Scholarship](#)

[Access Information about Additional Boy Scout Scholarships](#)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

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

March 2015

- 1 Cary Cub Scout Adventure Camp \$50 Deposit Due
- 1 OA Lodge Meeting - 1 PM - Grissom Air Museum
- 3 Property Committee - Camp Buffalo
- 9 Finance Committee - Kokomo
- 13-15 Leave No Trace Trainer Workshop
- 16 Executive Committee - 7 PM Kokomo
- 21 Webelos Crossover - With Indiana Pacers
- 24 Commissioners Meeting - 6 PM Cary Camp
- 28 University of Scouting at Indiana University Kokomo

[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*

District Pinewood Derby and Camporee

Cub Scout Packs should have April 18th on their calendars for the District Pinewood Derby race! The race will be held at Tippecanoe Mall. Registration will be open soon on Campmaster.

District Spring Camporee

Boy Scout Troops should have April 18th on their calendar for the Spring Camporee! More details of what to prepare will be available soon on [CampMaster](#). We look forward to seeing everyone that weekend!

Roundtable

We want to thank the units who were able to join us for Roundtable in January! Those who were able to attend learned a lot of valuable information on the new Cub Scout program for the Cub Scout Breakout, and winter camping information for the Boy Scout Breakout. We look forward to seeing you at the February roundtable on February 12th.

Merit Badge Opportunities

The first merit badge course to be offered at the Morton Center in West Lafayette will be "Soil and Water Conservation." Sessions will be on three Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Dates are February 11 - February 25 (a total of three meetings for an hour and a half each). Following is a link for registration information:

(<http://www.westlafayette.in.gov/department/division.php?fDD=8-115>).

Email [Ashley Hammac](#) for more information.

Eagle Board of Review

Just a reminder to any youth who is looking to go through the Board of Review on February 3rd that the entire packet needed to be to the Kokomo Service Center by January 26th. For the review on March 3rd packets need to be submitted by February 23rd. A Scout who needs to have an Eagle Scout Project **approved**, should contact [Brad Thada](#) or attend the monthly roundtable!

Purdue Baseball - Salute the Scouts!

Saturday, May 16, 2015

1:00 PM - First Pitch

Alexander Field, 1350 McCormick Road

\$5.00 for Ticket & Patch

Register via [CampMaster](#)

The whole family is invited for Salute the Scouts with Purdue Baseball on May 16th at Alexander Field. This will be a special Scout day

where Scouts will receive a game ticket and complimentary patch, and Scouts will also get to run the bases on the field.

Wabash Valley District Eagle Scout:

Adam Swanson Troop 325

Peshewa District Announcements

Peshewa District Contacts:

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*

February Roundtable

The Peshewa District February Roundtable will be on February 11th at 7 PM at the Howard County 4H Fairgrounds in Greentown, IN. Discussion will include Camp Cards and Changes in the Cub Scout program.

Family FOS

Please make sure that your unit has made arrangements for a Family FOS presentation with Daniel Carbaugh. Courts of Honor, Blue and Gold Banquets, and Crossovers are all acceptable events. No FOS presentations will be scheduled in conjunction with a Pinewood Derby race.

Daniel Carbaugh - Office Contact for Peshewa District

In the middle of January Matt Bender moved on from the Sagamore Council to spend more time with family. If you have questions or need assistance from Sagamore Council, please contact Daniel Carbaugh

at 765-480-3716 or Daniel.carbaugh@scouting.org.

Staffing

The Peshewa District plans to hire 3 program aids for the district with one position in Marion and 2 in Kokomo. Those interested in these positions should contact Daniel Carbaugh. Applicants must 18 years of age or older and have a willingness to work with youth.

Peshewa District Eagle Scouts:

Nathan Chou Troop 581

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.

Now is the Time to Plan your March or April Bowlathon!

Contact Russ Wiseman at 219-819-0070 for more information.

North Star District Roundtable

Roundtable will be held February 21st in the **Dining Hall at Camp Buffalo**. During the joint session there will be a short presentation about the upcoming changes to the Cub Scout program. The adult portion of the program will be training in CPR and the Boy Scouts will also be invited to join the CPR class. Cub Scouts will have an opportunity to earn their Geography Belt Loop. Lunch will not be provided at this roundtable, so bring your own lunch. Registration for

this event is on [CampMaster](#).

North Star District Eagle Scouts:

Russell Baize Troop 167

Jonathan Hansen Troop 158

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 reached Gold Level in Journey to Excellence in 2014! This is a great accomplishment and we thank you for all of the hard work members put in this past year to achieve this honor.

Every troop may schedule one election each year. Schedule an election for your unit today if you have not already done so. Email or call [Don Harper](#) 765-860-4474, [Steve Bowman](#) 765-252-8526 or [Joe Alberich](#) (217-799-2433 to schedule a troop election.

Next Lodge Meeting will be held February 22nd from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at Myers Sport Bowl, 4231 East Market Street, Logansport IN. Two games and shoe rental will be paid for by the Lodge for all members in good standing who would like to bowl.

OA Conclave is April 17 - April 19 at Camp Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis (Northeast side of Indy). This is a MUST GO EVENT! You will have a great time, so make sure to sign up on [CampMaster](#) early.

Order of the Arrow Centurion Award

For nearly 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has purposefully recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Centurion Award aims to highlight "Hometown Heroes," or Arrowmen who have meaningfully contributed to the forming, maturing and ongoing operational excellence of their

local council's lodge, and who, in doing so, inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

This award is a one-time recognition associated with the centennial anniversary of the OA that is bestowed by the national Order of the Arrow Committee. These honorees will serve as examples of leadership, modeling a commitment to cheerful service to others as the Order of the Arrow enters its second century.

Criteria for Nomination

Centurion Nominees must have been registered in the BSA, the local council and the Order of the Arrow lodge during their recognized "service period." A nominee need not have remained registered in the BSA, local council or Order of the Arrow lodge past the service period, nor at the time of nomination. Therefore, nominees may be living or deceased and should have provided significant contribution(s) to the lodge's legacy. Evidence of a historical member of the lodge may, but need not be, sourced from information within the lodge's centennial history book.

Each nominee must be designated as either a youth or adult contributor. A youth contributor denotes that the nominee's service period occurred while he was under 21 years of age. An adult contributor denotes that the nominee's service period occurred while he or she was over 21 years of age. An adult contributor can be recognized for his or her service as a professional or volunteer. The minimum service period is 3 years for a youth contributor and 6 years for an adult contributor. Time as a youth contributor may not be applied to the minimum time for an adult contributor (i.e., there can be no adult contributors under 27 years of age).

Selection and Submission of Nominees

Submit your Nomination by emailing Nomination form:

http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/events/100th/Centurion_Award_Petition.pdf

Email form to [Steve Bowman](#) or [Chas Triplett](#) no later than 2/13/15. Consider the following questions to illustrate the Candidate's qualifications:

- a) How has the Arrowman impacted the lodge in a way that has had meaningful results?
- b) What specific events, initiatives or programs can illuminate the Arrowman's unselfish devotion to the service of others?
- c) How has the Arrowman served the lodge faithfully to "the high ideals and purpose of the Order of the Arrow?"

Recognition of Centurions

Nominees selected by the national Order of the Arrow Committee will be provided with a certificate and recognition ribbon. Ribbon is red and white with a metallic totem symbolizing the centennial anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

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](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills with BALOO Training Weekend

8 AM Saturday, April 11, 2015 - 5 PM Sunday, April 12, 2015
at Camp Buffalo. Cost is \$25. Register via [CampMaster](#) by April 1st.

This training is for Boy Scout and Cub Scout Leaders to gain practical skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Hand-on course includes setting up campsite, pitching a tent, hiking, outdoor cooking. This course fulfills positional training requirements.

If you wish, you may come early on Friday evening, April 10th to set up

your gear, camp, have dutch oven crackerbarrel, and enjoy fellowship with other Scouters!

[Access Printable Flyer](#)

Wood Badge Leadership Training 2015

Crossroads of America Council (Indianapolis) and Prairie Lands Council (Illinois) are offering Wood Badge courses in 2015.

[Access printable detailed flyer here.](#)

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:

Wayne Bahler

From:

St. Joseph Hospital ICU

In Memory of:

Dorothy McCall

From:

Robert Sorensen

In Memory of:

Timothy J. Guse

From:

John & Irene Kinna

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