Hoosier Trail Signs
Feb - Apr 2020

Hoosier Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America
www.HoosierTrailsBSA.org

Training EXPO February 1, 2020
Brown County Intermediate School, 95 School House Lane, Nashville, Indiana
$12, includes lunch

All registered adult leaders may attend this event and take part in over 40 great training sessions. Topics change each year so plan to attend annually. This one-day event is designed to supplement many of the great Scout leader trainings that are currently offered. You will have an opportunity to participate in sessions that cover all areas of the Scouting program. We will also be offering leader basic training for any of your new unit volunteers. Please save this event on your calendar and plan to attend on Saturday, February 1st, 2020 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at Brown County Intermediate School. Look for registration to open soon at www.HoosierTrailsBSA.org

Scouts, BSA Skills Weekend
Maumee Scout Reservation, 12975 West County Road 925 North, Norman, Indiana
March 27-29, 2020 - $25, Register today @ HoosierTrailsBSA.org

We are so excited to be launching multiple Scouts BSA Troops this spring and would like to offer a special weekend designed especially for new Scouts and their new adult leaders. Scouts will benefit from an outdoor skills focused series of instructional activities including fire-building, outdoor cooking, camping, navigation, shooting sports, pioneering, first-aid and a lot of fun along the trail. This is an all-day Saturday event, overnight camping, meals included, with camp-wide joint activities. BALOO and Outdoor Leader Essential Trainings will be provided for adults, while the Scouts are rocking their Scouting skills.

College of Commissioner Science
Saturday, March 28, 2020, Register @ HoosierTrailsBSA.org

This College of Commissioner Science is unit service training designed to educate all commissioners, roundtable staff, District or Council Committees, and professional Scouters. Its purpose is to provide high-quality continuing education for unit service volunteers and professionals so that the units they serve have a successful, quality program.

There are three degree program levels: Bachelor: First-year participants, Masters: Second-year participants, Doctorate: Third and fourth-year participants. The third-year is the candidate for doctorate degree program.
From the Scout Executive’s Desk—

Scout Executive, Glen R. Steenberger

I was honored to receive a professional renewal grant from the Lilly Endowment, through the Central Indiana United Way, and in January, Maria and I took a trip of a lifetime!

We began our adventures in London, England, where we visited Gilwell Park, Baden Powell’s home as well as Sir Winston Churchill’s home, Chartwell, Kent, Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Oxford, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and The Eye.

After having of fill of fish and chips, we flew to Zurich, Switzerland. We boarded a train, headed for Kandersteg International Scout Centre, located in the Swiss Apps. I met with the facility Director, Jack Higgins and learned how they benefit youth and how their programming is similar and different than those of Scouting programs in America. A chocolate and cheese tour was enjoyed, as well as a snow adventure day. It was great to enjoy a campfire with Scouts from around the world. We finished our day with a wood-fired Swiss sauna.

The adventure continued, as we flew to Nairobi, Kenya to visit Outspan (Paxtu Museum), where Baden Powell had a home and is buried. While in Africa, we were blessed to be able to take three safaris, which was the highlight of the entire trip. When we were ready to head to our “tent” for the night, we were assigned a Maasai warrior to escort us so that we would not be eaten by something in the night.

What a tremendous experience. I am in the process of writing a trip synopsis from my journal, which I plan to share via the council website, stay tuned. Thanks to the United Way and the Lilly Endowment for providing this opportunity and to

Honored to be your Scout Executive,

Spring into Scouting: Recruit Youth for Summer Fun!

Spring is just around the corner, which means summer fun is on its way! The days are getting longer and the temperatures are rising, which makes this time of year perfect to get outdoors and shake off the winter blues. Adults and youth alike can appreciate this feeling – especially our youth as they look forward to spending more time outside the walls of school!

Our packs, troops, and crews have a lot of great summer plans made already. How much more fun can those plans be if you have more great Scouting friends along for the trip? Whether your adventure is simply a weekend at McCormick’s Creek State Park or a week at Maumee Scout Reservation, or even a long-term trek to a high-adventure base, the adventures you have planned are going to be unforgettable experiences for our Scouts. Let them share that excitement by bringing in more Scouts!

Spring is going to be a great time to recruit not only girls to new Scouts BSA Troops but boys to existing troops and both boys and girls to Cub Scout Packs. There has been no better time to be a Scout, and your unit can help youth and families realize that by holding an amazing open house or jazzy join night! Your District Executive will be happy to help make arrangements and promote a sign-up opportunity in your community. Get in touch with them today and share your vision for a recruitment event!

One of the most important things about doing recruitment in the spring is to have a comprehensive, well-rounded, and well-communicated plan of summer activities. Young people joining Scouting in the spring don’t do it to only have one get-together to roast hot dogs and a one-night campout. They want fun, adventure, and challenges! They want to reel in that whopper of a fish, conquer that rugged trail, and build a blazing fire. They want to gaze at the star-filled night sky or watch a sunrise come over camp. Really, they want to have FUN! Start planning now for how your summer can be amazing for both current Scouts and new families. A quality program will make all the difference!

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Regularly check our online calendar at www.HoosierTrailsBSA.org for additional information and updates!
Major Gifts Initiative

In 2019, more than $2M was raised to support the council’s building projects. Presently, we are striving to secure the $4.1M needed to construct the Maumee Scout Reservation Fellowship Hall. This flagship project will usher in a new era of programming at camp and provide many new opportunities to positively impact lives.

With the summer months becoming shorter and shorter, we’re tasked with accommodating more and more Scouts and their families in a shorter amount of time. We’re also seeing a major influx of Scouts from other councils and even from out of state. Maumee Scout Reservation has a wide variation of usages, from weekend Scout camping trips consisting of 25 youth, to large program events, providing programs to more than 1,000 participants. Guests utilize this property via summer camp operations and nearly every weekend shows usage year-round.

This project will improve our ability to impact youth, train leaders, provide shelter from severe weather, relieve current operational financial burdens, and make us more competitive in serving families through Scouting programs. The increased capacity enables us to serve more Scouters and provide an ideal environment for youth leadership development.

The long-term success generated from this investment in Maumee Scout Reservation will:

- **Better serve our area youth that benefit from the year-round adventures at Maumee, by addressing existing facility needs that are at their end of life.**
- **Make the usage of Maumee more attractive to Scout groups from other councils, thus generating more revenue that can be used to continually strengthen programming.**
- **Provide quality facilities that make our camping operations more competitive to non-Scouting groups for rental opportunities thus diversifying our revenue generation.**
- **Create Endowment for Maumee that will maintain the investment in perpetuity and free assets that are currently being invested annually from the operations budget to further the Scouting movement.**

Significant gifts have been secured that enable a 3 to 1 match of new contributions that benefit the Fellowship Hall project. Thus, a new $10,000 gift will equate to a $40,000 benefit to the completion of the project. There is support committed to this project that cannot be finalized until matching support is committed. Thus, donors of all levels of support are making a profound impact.

**Design Features:**
- Climate-controlled dining for 288, plus additional options
- State of the art kitchen
- Enough storage for dry goods and refrigeration
- Receiving Dock
- Handwashing and restroom facilities
- Expansive wrap-around deck
- Housing for 12 with restrooms and showers
- Safe Room for severe weather
- Laundry facilities
- Trading Post
- Stone deck with fire pit

Maumee Scout Reservation sits on 640 acres in the middle of the Hoosier National Forest and serves more than 6,000 youth annually.

The benefits of the Scouting program transcend the differences between us and bring us closer together. Because of this, the investments we are making bridge gaps of poverty, social differences, religious preferences, and other diversities of the youth we serve. This project will improve our ability to impact youth, train leaders, provide shelter from severe weather, relieve current operational financial burdens, and make us more competitive in serving families through Scouting programs.

For more information on the Fellowship Hall project, see plans, or support the initiative, contact Glen.Steenberger@scouting.org, or visit: https://247scouting.com/web_admin/BSA145/851?rt=1

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Enabling Great Programs

Friends of Scouting

We have just come off a year where we were blessed to have achieved the highest level of Friends of Scouting support ever raised. This pride point for the council is significant for a couple of reasons. First, it shows that our participating families, and the general community appreciate what Scouting does to develop the leaders of tomorrow and support our initiatives with their financial backing. Secondly, this revenue stream is what the council has the most control of and the source we are most reliant upon.

Help to keep us on the path of greatness and make your gift to the 2020 Friends of Scouting campaign. Your support enables quality customer service to Scouts and Scout units, provides insurance for our programs, maintains our camping properties, supports record-keeping and other back office support, enables marketing and communications, provides safety net to insure Scouting happens for all families, regardless of financial health, underwrites portion of council and district program events, literally keeps the lights on and in many other ways drives the Hoosier Trails Council, BSA. Thanks for your consideration of at least sponsoring the cost of one Scout in 2020, which is $166.

1973 Society

A recognition program has been set up to support the 2019 Friends of Scouting campaign, the 1973 Society. You see, our council was incorporated in, you guessed it, 1973. This program establishes a three year commitment from a donor to support the society through a planned annual gift amount, which can be fulfilled in various ways. This program is designed for those faithful supporters that contribute to FOS annually and allows the council to focus upon identifying new donors; rather than renewing gifts. For more information: Glen.Steenberger@scouting.org

James E. West Fellowship Award

This award is recognition for support of the Hoosier Trails Council, BSA Endowment Fund of $1,000 or greater. There are various levels of the award, depending upon the size of the gift. The council’s endowment fund provides annual operational support to the council from the earnings of the gifts made to the fund, which are held in perpetuity. James E. West Fellowships are a tremendous way to honor a new Eagle Scout, outstanding Scout leader, or other significant life events. This win-win stabilizes the success of our annual youth programming, while recognizing greatness. For more information, contact Glen.Steenberger@scouting.org.

Memorials & Tributes

Gary Dennis Moats
Mike Jamerson
Thad Hatchett
Anne Hatton
Karl Mills
Scott Hoover (Wylie)
Cathy Greene
Holly Hoover

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A gift to our council’s memorial/tribute fund is a thoughtful way to express respect, gratitude, and sincere affection. Your gift honoring a loved one, friend, and others in times of sadness or joy will enrich the lives of the thousands of youth served by our council.
Beyond the Badge

The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every Scout who joins a Scouts BSA troop earns the Eagle Scout rank. This represents more than 2.25 million Scouts who have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—the mission of the BSA, citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.

Progression

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific requirements are required to advance through the ranks—Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. To advance, a Scout must meet specific requirements ranging from tenure in a unit and leadership positions to the earning of merit badges.

Merit Badges

Merit badges signify the mastery of certain Scoutcraft skills, as well as helping youth increase their skill in an area of personal interest. Of the 136 merit badges available, 21 must be earned to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of this group, 13 badges are required, including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life. In addition, a Scout has a choice between Emergency Preparedness and Lifesaving, Cycling, Hiking, and Swimming, and Environmental Science and Sustainability.

Service

While a Life Scout, a Scout plans, develops, and gives leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or the community. In addition to providing service and fulfilling the part of the Scout Oath, “to help other people at all times,” one of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to demonstrate or hone, or to learn and develop, leadership skills. Related to this are important contributions in project management and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment.

Merit Beyond the Badge

One hundred years after Arthur Eldred of New York earned the first Eagle Scout Award, researchers with Baylor University’s Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) and Program on Prosocial Behavior released findings from a nationwide, scientific survey of 1,000 adults. The study, “Beyond the Badge: Merit Beyond the Merit Badges,” found that Scouts who earn Eagle Scout rank are more likely than other young men to be successful in life and to have a positive impact on their communities. The study also found that earning Eagle Scout rank is associated with increased job satisfaction and a greater sense of meaning in life.

Recent HTC Eagle Scouts

Logan Thomas Hankins
John Edwin Lake
Ethan Murray Ennis
Chase Christopher Jones
Zachary Allen Wettrick
Ethan Thomas Teske
John David Thompson
Aaron Michael Elliott
Denver Michael Sexton
Michaеl Eldon Ruesjgjer
Kyle Logan Bixler
Andrew Aaron Griesemer
Jesse Scott James Johnson
Wyatt Lee Hopper
Benjamin Jared Jennes
Shawn Ryan Tyler
Tyler C. Kath
Luke Allen Chambers
Troop 543
Troop 646
Troop 190
Troop 557
Troop 541
Troop 121
Troop 170
Troop 213
Troop 717
Troop 140
Troop 229
Troop 148
Troop 348
Troop 120
Troop 555
Troop 231
Troop 180
Troop 529
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Troop 119
Troop 557
Troop 121
Troop 148
Troop 222
Troop 529
Troop 233
Troop 100
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Troop 557
Troop 559
Troop 464
Troop 120

White River Trails Continued

proving to be fun, engaging, and informative. The next three months are busy as activities are set to take place around the district. There will be other opportunities such as position specific training and other training events to help adult volunteers. Make sure you don’t miss out. The future for White River Trails District is looking bright!

Focus on Journey to Excellence

With the start of the new year, units are entering the second half of their Year of Scouting. With popcorn and recharger in the rearview mirror, Packs are looking forward to Pinewood Derby events, and, Arrow of Light and Crosstree ceremonies. Scouts BSA Troops have amazing camping trips and service projects planned and will begin looking forward to all the awesome activities at summer camp. One important item to help keep the focus of an active unit is Journey To Excellence. So often, units leave the scoresheet tucked away in a binder until mid to late fall. However, using the scoresheet at the beginning of the year will better ensure that units get on a steady path and maintain course. Keep your focus!

Council Gala

The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, Indiana

April 5, 2020, $25 early bird fee, $30 after March 30

Hoosier Trails Council is hosting its annual Leader Recognition Gala on April 5th at the Seasons Lodge in beautiful Nashville to recognize adult leaders for outstanding service to the council, units, and their community. We will be recognizing the Silver Beaver award recipients, our highest honor, along with many other awards. We will also be congratulating our 2019 Eagle Scouts for their outstanding accomplishments. Please do not miss this opportunity to come celebrate and recognize our fellow leaders for great achievement. Pre-Registration is strongly encouraged by April 1st to ensure that everyone has a meal choice. Save time and hassle by using our online registration system through https://www.HoosierTrailsBSA.org and select the event from the online calendar. No refunds will be given for cancellations.

Order of the Arrow

Fall Fellowship

The Brotherhood was defiantly awake at camp! What a wonderful theme and weekend for the Fall Fellowship. This event provided a lot of opportunity for fun, training, and a lot of activity with friends. Scouts and Scouters enjoyed some time together and a lot of cool activities kept the attention of our members. We also held elections for lodge positions for the 2019-2020 year. Please join me in congratulating Jonathan Kipper as our returning Lodge Chief and his team of Vice Chiefs, Chase Sears, Jon Drake, Chandler Day, Paul Bontrager, Jackson Heuchan, and Sydney Anderson. For a complete list of officers, visit HoosierTrailsBSA.org. We will honor them and our newest Vigil members at the Winter Feast on January 4, 2020.

2020 River Pass and Lodge Dues

The River Pass is a onetime payment for all the events of the up-coming year. It is only $75. You will be preregistered to all events the river pass covers. The 2020 River Pass is now available online and can be purchased along with your annual dues which is $15 for the 2020 year.

Section Conclave

Join us April 17-19, 2020 for the Section C-6A Conclave. Hosted at Culver Military Academy, it is promised to be an awesome experience! Arrowmen from across the state of Indiana (and even a bit of Michigan) will come together for an event like no other. Whether this is your first Section Conclave or your fifth, there’s something for everyone here. Interested in our Order’s ceremonies? Attend unique training sessions or even compete against ceremonies teams from other lodges!

There are all sorts of sessions being offered at Conclave; you get to pick the one that is best for you! Inter-lodge competitions, shooting sports, American Indian activities, exciting shows, expert training, and far more await at Section Conclave. All we’re missing is you! See the Section website http://www.oasectionc6a.org/conclave/ for the latest information.
Commissioner Corner:
Commissioner Corner: “We Need Unit Commissioners in Scouting!”

Hello, Scouters! Hoosier Trails Council has grown significantly in membership this year, with the promise of future growth in the years to come. As such, we have a tremendous need for new Commissioners to serve our Scout units. This message is for adult Scouters, past and present, who have enjoyed sharing their background and experiences in Scouting over the years.

From reading this article, I hope it serves as your first step to becoming a new Commissioner of a Scout unit in Hoosier Trails Council.

With the many years you have associated in the Scouting program, I know you have a genuine belief and passion for the positive experiences Scouting offers. Scouting has always provided wholesome values for our youth, that we may further develop and mature into responsible adults. It is hard to find another program today that matches the leadership and life skills our youth receive through Scouting. That said, becoming a Unit Commissioner is a great way for you to continue to serve Scout leaders and is another way of giving back to our youth in the Scouting programs.

The types of Commissioners in Scouting, are: Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, Cub Scout Commissioner, Assistant Council Commissioner and Council Commissioner.

Some of the personal traits important to be a Commissioner are:
- Be a Friend to Unit Leaders
- An Advisor to help problem solve
- A teacher, by sharing your experiences
- A coach to encourage Scout Leaders
- A Good Listener
- A Resource for specific unit needs

Commissioner Service: is the group within the Scouting program that provides direct service to each Scouting unit, Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Venture Crews. Commissioners are experienced Scouters who help charterded organizations and unit leaders to achieve the aims of Scouting by using the methods of Scouting. They help to ensure that each unit has strong leadership and they encourage training, promote the use of the unit committee and encourage a relationship with the chartering organization. You can recognize a Commissioner by the white Arrowhead emblem on their uniform shirt sleeve.

Arrowhead Honor: Only commissioners may wear the Arrowhead. It is a symbol of competence. Successful completion is the result of performance and the ability to put training into practice. This is an award that is earned and not given.

Commissioners are encouraged to complete the Arrowhead projects within one year of taking office. The traditions of Scouting is made stronger by you serving as a Unit Commissioner. Please help fulfill the promise of Scouting by becoming a Unit Commissioner.

To learn more about becoming a Unit Commissioner, please contact the District Commissioner in your area:
- Muscatatuck District: Marissa Souza - marissa.s.souza@cummins.com
- White River Trails District: Frank Dixon - scoutmaster481@gmail.com
- Wapehani District: Randy Cox - bluegill@scian.net

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White River Trails Calendar

February
7-9 District Winter Camporee, Maumee Scout Reservation, 12975 West County Road 925 N, North, Norman, IN. 47426
11 District Management Team Meeting, Bedford LDS Church, 1012 22nd Street, Bedford, 6:30 pm
13 Roundtable, Odon United Methodist Church, Odon, IN, 7:00 pm
20 Commissioner Staff Meeting, WebEx, 7:30 pm

March
10 District Management Team Meeting, Bedford LDS Church, 1012 22nd Street, Bedford, 6:30 pm
7 White River Trails District Recognition Dinner & Fireside Chat, Odon United Methodist Church, 602 Elonra St, Odon, IN, 6:00 pm
19 Commissioner Staff Meeting, WebEx, 7:30 pm

April
4 Merit Badge Fair, Bedford North Lawrence High School, 595 Stars Blvd., Bedford, IN, 8:00 am
7 District Management Team Meeting, Bedford LDS Church, 1012 22nd Street, Bedford, 6:30 pm
9 Roundtable, Odon United Methodist Church, Odon, IN, 7:00 pm
16 Commissioner Staff Meeting, WebEx, 7:30 pm
24-26 District Spring Camporee, West Boggs Lake, 16117, US Hwy 231, Loogootee, IN

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Malone. Lisa Mittledier received the Unsung Hero award. Also recognized were 7 units earning Platinum! All of these plus many unrealized achievements were because of the passion and sacrifices of our volunteers. Thank you!

What Lies Ahead!
For the next three months, the district will be buzzing with awesome opportunities. The district’s Winter Camporee is in the works and should prove to be fun and exciting. In March, the District Recognition Dinner and Fireside Chat is for recognizing volunteers and rewarding them for their hard work. Wow, have we had some awesome volunteers this past year! Heading into April, the Merit Badge Fair will once again offer ScoutsBSA youth the opportunity to earn merit badges, as they make their way up through the ranks, and Webelos earn additional pins towards their Arrow of Light. This year, the event will add additional merit badges to accommodate the growing attendance and interest. Last year, Scouts representing five different councils attended the event. Finishing out the end of the month is the district’s Spring Camporee, which will be held at West Boggs Lake. The weekend will surely offer lots of fun and opportunities for learning new skills, etc. Mixed in and around these awesome activities are the behind the scenes workings of the District Management Team, as there are plans to add to open positions at the district level. I must also mention that Roundtables will continue with the meetings.

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Training

Hoosier Trails Council offers many great training opportunities for adults to understand the roles and responsibilities of leadership along with many other focus areas of interest to the Scouting program. Many trainings are available online or you can choose to take them in person at a location near you. We host many trainings throughout the year for your convenience focusing on topics that matter to you.

Training EXPO:

All Scout leaders are invited to join us at one of our most premier training events in Hoosier Trails Council. The Training EXPO is single-day event offered by knowledgeable and experienced volunteers across the council. This opportunity is designed to supplement and further any Scout’s training journey to learn the most up to date and exciting methods in running the best program possible for your Scouts by participating in classroom and hands on curriculums. This year we have more courses including Scout Leader Specific Training, outdoor cooking, camping for Cubs and Scouts BSA, Unit budgeting, your role as a parent and leader, and much more. Courses specific to all levels of Scouting will include information and instruction on Scoutbook, advancement, religious awards, high adventure, basic and advanced knots and family Scouting. Join us at Brown County Intermediate School on February 1st for a full day of training. More information is online by visiting HoosierTrails-BSA.org. Sign up today for a great and memorable experience with some of your closest Scouting friends!

Wood Badge:

We all try our best and work hard to deliver great leadership to our youth. Many times, we get frustrated with a lack of knowledge or unable to find the right support to meet our needs. Wood Badge is the answer! This is an exciting, action-packed program over two weekends, August 14-16 and September 4-5 (new and improved 5-day course), designed to provide adult leaders with skills and experience they can use in their Scouting positions and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. At home, at work, and on the trail, the Wood Badge course centers upon the concepts of servant leadership and leaving a legacy. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on “how to.” These skills come alive during the weekends as your patrol completes goals based upon what you have learned. All these things are done while creating new bonds of friendship and support that span unit, district, council, and movement. No matter your position in Scouting or the type of unit you belong to, this course is certainly for you. Come and take your place and experience the highest level of training available in the Boy Scouts of America. Registration is open now and you can reserve your spot today at www.HoosierTrails-BSA.org.

Trainer’s EDGE Conference:

The purpose of the Trainer’s EDGE course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood Badge and NLYT staff development, with a focus on the participant while raising the level of skill a trainer brings to the staff experience. Only practice can polish these skills, but this course is intended to “train the trainer” on behaviors and resources while offering hands-on experience in methods and media. This course is designed for you if you intend to be a trainer in your unit or any of the other advanced trainings offered by the BSA or any other program. Join us on February 22nd for this great course. Done in conjunction with the Muscatatuck Merit Badge Day.

Wilderness First Aid Training—Red Cross:

This event is open to any Scout (at least 14 years old, First Class Rank recommended) or Scout leader who is proficient in basic first aid skills AND holds a current certification in American Red Cross CPR with AED or the equivalent. We are hosting an advanced first aid course designed to teach skills necessary for providing care to victims of illness or injury in a setting where professional help is delayed (the woods/high adventure). The successful completion of this course is dependent on a working confident knowledge of basic first aid skills. Whether you are a Scout, an outdoor enthusiast or you work in a remote environment, our Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course gives you the skills you need to respond to an emergency when help may be a long ways out. Join us on March 13-15 at Maumee Scout Reservation.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT):

An exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members in Scouts BSA or a Venture Crew with leadership skills and women’s EDGE Conference:

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Wapehani Calendar

February

6  District Management Team Meeting, Hoosier Trails Council Service Center, 5625 E. State Road 46, Bloomington, 7:00 pm
13 District Recognition Dinner, Liberty Christian Church, 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville, 6:00 pm
13 District Commissioner Staff Meeting, Liberty Christian Church, 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville, 6:00 pm
13 Roundtable, Liberty Christian Church, 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville, 7:00 pm

March

5  District Management Team Meeting, Hoosier Trails Council Service Center, 5625 E. State Road 46, Bloomington, 7:00 pm
12 District Commissioner Staff Meeting, Liberty Christian Church, 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville, 6:00 pm

April

2  District Committee Meeting, Council Service Center, 5625 E. State Road 46, Bloomington, 7:00 pm
9  District Commissioner Staff Meeting, Liberty Christian Church, 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville, 6:00 pm
9 Roundtable, Liberty Christian Church, 2010 Liberty Church Road, Martinsville, 7:00 pm
17-19 District Spring Camporee

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Muscataatuck District

Muscataatuck Merit Badge Day
This year’s Muscataatuck Merit Badge Day will be held Saturday, February 22nd at the Jennings County Middle School, 812 West Walnut Street in North Vernon. This is our third year at this location, and we are excited to have the opportunity to include the Jennings County school system as one of our strong supporters. Sessions will run from 9:00 – 3:55 and check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. This year we will be offering more than 15 merit badges including, Public Speaking, First Aid, Photography, Disabilities Awareness, Environmental Science, Personal Management and many more. There will even be Half-day Eagle Quest sessions for Scouts working on Scout and Tenderfoot ranks. Due to class size restrictions and scheduling for the counselors walk-ins will not be allowed the day of the event. This cost of the event this year will be $7.00 per registrant before February 12. Registration is $9.00 after February 12 and registration closes on February 21.

Muscataatuck District Pinewood Derby
The 2020 District Pinewood Derby will take place on Saturday, March 7th at First United Methodist Church, 240 Poplar St, North Vernon. Registration is open through the council website and official derby rules are available through the registration process. Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place in each den (Tiger – Weboles II) and pre-registration is required. The cost of this event this year will be $7.00 per participant, including family members who want to participate in the fun. Family members will be racing for bragging rights as the 2020 Muscataatuck District Pinewood Derby in two classes; 16 years of age and younger, and 17 years of age and over.

Muscataatuck District Recognition Dinner
The inaugural Muscataatuck District Dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 25th at 7 p.m. This year’s celebration will be held at First United Methodist Church, 240 Poplar St, North Vernon. Please plan on attending to join in some great fellowship and recognition of the 2019 Eagle Scouts, the Top Service Units, and recognition of adult scouters, including the District Award of Merit, Cubber of the Year, Scouter of the Year, Spirit of Scouting and others. Registration will only be open through the council website and the cost will be $15.00 per person. You will also have the opportunity to show your pride in the young men who earned their Eagle Scout Award in 2019 by sponsoring them for this event. Deadline to register is February 4th.

Muscataatuck District Spring Camporee
The 2020 Muscataatuck Spring Camporee will be held in conjunction with the Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History Event in Vernon. The camporee will run April 24th-26th. Camping will be at Muscataatuck County Park with multiple activities in the park and around town during the weekend. There will be patrol competition in Scout skills and even the opportunity to work on the Historic Trails Award.

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March
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District Management Team Meeting, 7:00 pm
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District Council Committee, 7:00 pm
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Commissioner Staff Meeting, 1st UMC, 240 Poplar St., North Vernon, 6:00 pm
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Roundtable, 1st UMC, 240 Poplar St., North Vernon, 7:15 pm

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District Spring Camporee, Muscataatuck County Park, Vernon

Cub Scout Camping & Activities
This year has a lot to offer to the Cub Scouts in your Pack. We defiantly don’t want you to miss out on anything! Check out some of these great opportunities.

STEAM-O-Ree:
The Cub Scout STEAM-O-Ree will be held on February 15th at Nashville Intermediate School for all Cub Scouts, friends, and siblings. New things are added each year to include experiments, activities, and realistic challenges. Scouts will enjoy a full day of activities learning about computers, engineering, mathematics, robotics, art, and much more. This event is great for the entire family and at a cost of only $15, you can’t go wrong. Come out and gain lots of new ideas for activities and experiments that you can take back to your Pack and spend the day in beautiful Brown County. This event fills up fast and is sure to bring amazement and adventure to your Scouts. Student instructors from local colleges and knowledgeable volunteers will add to this great program! Please remember to pack a sack lunch or enjoy some of the great restaurants located close by for your convenience. Register online at HoosierTrailsBSA.org.

Cub Scout Fish-O-Ree
Calling all Cub Scouts! The Hoosier Trails Council is hosting The Cub Scout Fish-O-Ree on May 2nd and Maumee Scout Reservation! This is an all-day event (optional weekend) for Cub Scouts and their families. Scouts are invited to attend this activity and bring a fishing pole to learn the fundamentals of fishing, have fun, enjoy fellowship, and meet new friends. We will have many fishing related game and activity stations close by for some fun while your bait is in the water. Just sign up today and enjoy a day on the lake. When you’re not fishing, you may participate in any of the exciting stations at your leisure. You may stay as long as you want and play as many games as you choose. Weekend camping is available upon reservation through the Council Service Center. This event fills up fast and is sure to bring outdoor adventure to your Pack. Remember to pack a sack lunch or enjoy some of the great food that will be prepared by our Order of the Arrow Lodge.

Cub-O-Ree Adventure:
Celebrate the best of what Cub Scouts has to offer and enjoy the beautiful setting of Maumee Scout Reservation. This event starts Saturday, May 2nd and ends on Monday, May 4th. You don’t want to miss out on this one! The 24-hour Cub-O-Ree is perfect for the Cub Scout and the beautiful waterfront where you will get to swim and enjoy the lake. We will have campfires filled with skits and songs, evening snacks, and all meals will be provided. This is a great pack, den, and family event that concludes with Sunday breakfast. Activities include: Shooting BB Guns, Archery, Games, Crafts, Nature Hikes, Boating, Fishing, Swimming, Campfire Program, Star Gazing, and much more! Look at this event online for more information and registration details.

Scouts, BSA Summer Camp Adventure
Maumee Scout Reservation is gearing up for an exciting 2020 summer camp experience! Summer camp is where “it” all happens through the adventures we offer. This is the highlight of a Scout Troop’s program year, and our staff is ready to help make that a reality for you and your Scouts. We have more new opportunities to offer this year including several new merit badges and more activities in our older Scout programs. Come check out our final installment of our multi-year Maumee Mountaineer Challenge in the Fort Erie program area – The Hiverannno and experience life as a Mountaineer. It is our desire that you can enjoy a week away from the pressures and demands of the world and spend quality time with your Scouts, our future leaders. Registration is open right now and you can reserve your week, campsites, and even select merit badges and activities for your Scouts. Please don’t hesitate as classes fill up fast and now is more convenient than ever with no extra charge for any of the most popular badges! Remember that we offer provisional weeks of camp for Scouts who are unable to camp with their week at their troops or would like to return for a second week at half price! View all the details online at www.HoosierMaumee.org and “like” us on Facebook. This year, we are excited to welcome our new Camp Director, Tom Gregory, to the reins. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is excited to start his new role. Come to Roundtable or join us at the Training EXPO in February for more information. As always, welcome to camp!
Scouting instills confidence, helping young people discover they can achieve more than they thought possible. That’s the uplifting message behind the logo and theme for the 2021 National Jamboree, which the BSA announced today.

Using Scouting’s highest-profile gathering to deliver a distinct thematic message signals a bold new approach for National Jamborees. It ensures that the theme, “Face the Challenge,” will leave a lasting impression on Jamboree participants and our entire movement.

Jamboree organizers will weave the theme throughout the event. They’ll reinforce it before, during and after the Jamboree. They’ll showcase it at stadium shows, deliver it using wearable technology and highlight it at special flash challenges that pop up wherever participants congregate.

Smartphone integration and a pre-Jamboree survey will ensure that each participant embarks on their own Jamboree journey. Even with tens of thousands of participants, no two Jamboree experiences will be the same.

The inspiration for this exciting new approach comes from a desire to make the National Jamboree about more than a collection of awesome activities and a few words on a patch. A Jamboree should inspire a Scout or Venturer to be more. It should show them how to use their Scouting skills to transform the world. And it should engage them in a way that makes their Jamboree experience transformational — not just for its memories but for how it shapes their life.

To be clear, the National Jamboree model has worked well for decades. Each instance of the quadrennial event offered fun, fellowship and unforgettable adventures.

But with the 2021 event, organizers plan to more deliberately embrace and celebrate the impact Scouting has on each of us. As a Jamboree veteran who has attended or served on staff at every National Jamboree since 1997, let me say this: I’m fully on board.

The reinvented approach means transforming a theme into a call to action — sparking an energy that Scouts and Venturers will take back to their troops, crews, schools and communities.

Visit HoosierTrailsBSA.org to learn more about this awesome event and sign-up to join the HTC contingent!

Webelos Transition
The passage from Cub Scout pack to Scouts, BSA troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between. By the time Webelos Scouts are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities, and feel excited about beginning this new adventure. The Webelos Scout’s graduation ceremony should clearly signify the transition to a new level of Scouting, and could include the presentation of the Arrow of Light badge, a Scouts, BSA Handbook, and a troop neckerchief. A Webelos Scout who has earned the Arrow of Light rank has now completed all the requirements for the Scout badge and may join a Scouts, BSA troop. The key factor to improved Webelos transition is the ongoing working relationship of the leaders of a Cub Scout pack and a Scouts BSA troop. Ideally a community organization would have both a pack and a troop with leaders who work together to help move Webelos Scouts into a Scouts, BSA troop the same way schools move students from elementary school to middle school.