



BOY SCOUT "LAW MERIT" CLASS AT BOONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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Scouting year kick-off August 8th

The kickoff is this Thursday (August 8th) different events, trainings, etc. We will also do breakout sessions on Fall Recruitment and the Popcorn Sale. Lastly, we will have a drawing for units who have turned in the required items by the start of the meeting. For Packs, we have asked for confirmed school night dates, popcorn commitment cards & a 2014 FOS date. For the Troops, popcorn commitment cards and a 2014 FOS date.

Welcome to our new District Executive, Tom James

My name is Tom, and I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as your new District Executive. I was born and raised in Indianapolis, and was involved in Scouting with Troop 73 in North Star District. I am an Eagle Scout, a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, and a Minisino Honor in Firecrafter. I am married to my wonderful wife, Meagan, and we currently live on the Northeast side of Indianapolis. Previous to taking this position, I spent two years as the District Executive for Pathfinder District. I am very excited to get to know you and to work closely with you to provide the best program we can for the youth in Sugar Creek District.



"Zomberee!"

By: Chuck Prass

Greetings Sugar Creek, and welcome to the start of another Scouting Year. Our Upcoming District Activities on the calendar are, first up, The Fishing Derby, to be held at The Lagoons off Highway 75 just north of Frankfort on September 14, 2013

(See <http://www.sugarcreek.homestead.com> for more details).

Next up will be the "Fall Zomberee" Camporee on the weekend of October 18-20, 2013 at Camp Kikthawenund near Frankton in Western Madison County. Don't forget our all-time District Favorite, the Klondike Derby, to be held as always at Camp Cullom in Clinton County on the weekend of January 10-12, 2014.

Still needed is a Volunteer Leader to Chair

Creekside



August 2013

the Cub Olympics for November. Also, openings are available for the Spring Camporee 2014 and the Scout Fair 2014. Anyone interested in stepping up to lead those events should contact myself or Steve Gray.

Training Awards Anyone?

Just about every registered leader position at the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, or District Leadership levels has a training award. Have you earned the training award for your current position? Maybe you already have, but haven't looked at the requirements yet. Or maybe you're new to your position. All the requirements for the various awards can be found at http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/home/awards_central.aspx. Not familiar with adult recognition awards? Need to submit your application for one? Talk to me at roundtable or shoot me an email at SDL39@att.net. I'm more than willing to come out and answer questions your unit leadership has about how to get their square knots.

Dan Green
SC Adult Recognition Chair

Events

Popcorn

Popcorn sign-ups are HERE!!! Now is the time to identify your unit's popcorn kernel and to start planning blitz events and unit incentives. Please email your popcorn commitments, kernel names and contact information to Tom James at tjames@crossroadsbsa.org, so that your unit can have the latest, most up to date information about the fall sale. It's VERY important to get this information to us as soon as possible so you don't miss out on important information or supplies at the kickoff on August 8th! We will not be assuming that your unit is selling popcorn, or that you have the same popcorn kernel as the previous year, so your communication with us is vital. If you need program planning and budgeting training to help you figure out how to meet your program's needs through popcorn fundraising, just let us know and we'll be happy to work with you one-on-one!

Training

Because of great success with the Training Camp program, it will return again this summer. A leader, who completes their required training to become a fully-trained leader through online training modules and volunteer led courses, will have an opportunity to earn a free, limited edition Council Training Camp Shoulder strip. Visit <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Training/CourseDescriptions.aspx> to download the forms: Training Camp Flyer, Cub Scout Leader Patch form, Boy Scout Leader Patch form, Venturing Leader Patch form and Team Leader Patch form.

Sugar Creek District is making it a priority to get its leaders basic trained, and we have trainers ready to help make it happen on an "On-Demand" schedule. Our district training team will be reaching out to Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters to arrange dates and times to come train members of your leadership teams that are not basic-trained. If you have any questions about what trainings you or your unit's leaders still need, or if you would like to schedule a training to take place during

one of your unit's leader meetings, please feel free to call Steve Taylor (765-676-6666) in Boone or Clinton County, or Will Turner (765-267-0948) in Montgomery County.

Membership

"It's time to start laying the groundwork for your Cub Scout pack's School Night for Scouting in August and September. The School Night team will be sending an email to all our packs to get a tentative date, time, and location for their joining night in the fall. It does not have to be confirmed with the school, just be the date that your pack would prefer to do the event. Please make sure that we have your date no later than June 13th.



Above: Jaymz Moore of Troop 369 takes oath on witness stand.

This brief description of a hypothetical trial became a real life trial for twenty-five Boy Scouts from Sugar-Creek District. Studying the "Law" merit badge, Boy Scouts from Boone, Montgomery and Clinton counties assembled at the Boone County Court house to become the prosecution, defense and jury. Lead by attorney Jeremy Fetty and sponsored by Parr Richey Obremskey Frandsen and Patterson the Boy Scouts read the case of "State v. Fisher".

Guests included acting Judge (and Eagle Scout) Jeremy Fetty, Major Mike Neilson of the Boone County Sheriffs department, Boone County Circuit Court Judge Jeffery Edens and special guest speaker Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David.

With inspiration from Justice Steven David, Acting judge Fetty called the court to order. With the scouts divided into the prosecution, defense and jury the trial began. Ultimately the jury's verdict was not guilty but the victory was the scouts that experienced this real life event.

To read additional information on the law merit go to <http://www.lawmerit.homestead.com>

Scouts put on "Mock Trial"

David Riley, a Lebanon city police detective received a anonymous tip to investigate a "weird container" with a unknown liquid that resembled a bomb at Lebanon High School. Jake Ellis, a Lebanon student that was recently bullied, had contacted the detective after making the discovery. He witnesses Tom Fisher around the area of the bomb and was told by Mr. Fisher that "You will be sorry that you ever picked on me"



Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David

"Jamboree 2013"

by David Hovde

ARTICLES NEEDED

By Mike Thompson

Has your Pack or Troop participated in a cool or interesting event? Would you like to share where you went or what you did with Sugar Creek district? Send a short story and good quality photos to (Mike Thompson) mt@ilines.net. The district will review your article so that it may be published in the next month's newsletter.

Advancement

"In order for your Scouts to have their hard-earned rank advancement and merit badges recognized and recorded as part of their official membership records, an advancement report needs to be submitted either via the online advancement system or via hard copy turned in to council offices. Please don't forget to bring either the original hard-copy or a printout of the online advancement report to the Scout Shop when you come to pick up supplies, as this is a requirement to purchase those rank and merit badges."

Boy Scout Pavilion Dedication Day at the Indiana State Fair

To celebrate Scouting, National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award presentations, the dedication of the new Scout Pavilion, and dinner, Crossroads of America Council is hosting—Sunday, August 11, 2013 at the Indiana State Fair

Please visit address

below: <https://2013councilact.theregistrationsystem.com/en/1648>

It was great to see so many Firecrafter shirts at the Jamboree. Crossroads of America was well represented both in the staff and the scouts. I had a really fun time managing the skateboard park at Action Point. We had as many as 150 scouts at any one time riding boards around the park. Falling, of course, is a normal part of learning to skateboard. One scout in particular stood out. He started down a ramp and took a really hard fall. We stopped the other skaters and ran to his aid. I really thought he had hurt himself. After several minutes he got up and was given a standing ovation by the other scouts. I then took him over to the medical tent. The next morning he was first in line. The first thing he did was come over to me and apologize for worrying me. Then he said, "I am going to stay here until I get it right!" I saw a lot of scouts and venture's with that same passion. They were there to have fun and learn new skills. The Jamboree is over. Now the site will become our newest high adventure base. The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base at The Summit (SBR) is the newest high-adventure base, the permanent home of the national Scout jamboree, and the site of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Through outdoor action sports and experiential learning programs at this world-class facility, the Summit fosters achievement, adventure, and innovation in Scouting. The Summit is adjacent to the New River Gorge National River and some really long distance biking trails. The best thing is that it is only about seven hours of driving from much of our district. I hope you

consider it in the near future.

David Hovde

