



# Creekside



December  
2013

## Tornado clean-up brings out scouts.

Using social media, Dustin O'Brien (Asst. Scoutmaster Troop 359) wanting to help with the clean-up after the Tornado, started to spread the word. The EF-2 tornado on November 17<sup>th</sup> did over 20 million dollars in damage in a few short minutes. With debris spread over 50 acres a group of scouts with additional volunteers started picking up trash in Abner Longley South side park. Dustin first posted the information to his Scouts then to his facebook page. Lebanon parks director John Messenger credits Dustin with helping to organize the effort and spreading the word. Visiting the volunteers were Lebanon Mayor Huck Lewis and Congressman Todd Rokita.



(Photo and Story courtesy of Lebanon Reporter)

## Klondike 2014

By: Chuck Prass

Just one month to the Klondike Derby, on January 10 - 12 at Camp Cullom. For directions and a camp map, check this site <http://mintel.net/~campc/>

This year's theme is "The Mis-Adventures Of Timmy Tenderfoot" and planned Stations for Saturday are these:

1. Timmy's Whacky Campsite
2. Timmy Forgot His Pans
3. Timmy Burns Those Strings
4. Timmy Gives First Aid
5. Timmy Crosses The Ravine
6. Timmy's Call Of The Wild
7. Timmy Makes A Missed Stake
8. Timmy Claims Some Gold
9. Timmy's Big Sledge Race

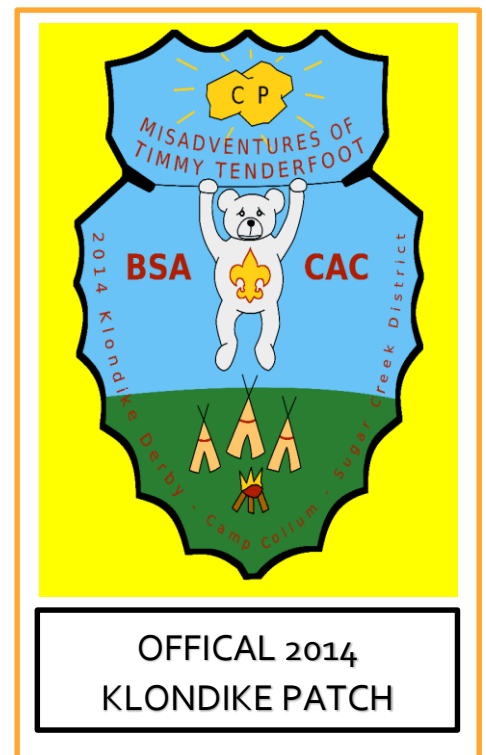
Come join the fun at our best-attended Camporee weekend and help save the Bear !

Note that the Cub Olympics are moved to February / March next year. Updates will be posted as soon as a date and venue are finalized. The same applies with the Pinewood Derby.

Also, a reminder...It is only 3 months to our annual Scouting For Food District Service

Project. Remind your boys and volunteers to prepare for this important event. For the past 5 years, Sugar Creek Scouts and Scouters have consistently ranked second in food collections in the

Crossroads Of America Council. This year, our collections were the third-best in District history, due to the efforts of your units. Let's continue to keep the fires burning for those who can not. Every item of food collected is A Can Of Hope and A Can Of Life for ones in need.



## Events

### Popcorn

Thanks to all of our units for participating in the popcorn sale this year. A schedule will be emailed around to all kernels. FINAL PAYMENT and unit prize orders are due to the Council office by December 6th. Lastly, don't forget that Scouts can sell online year-round. Again, thanks for a fairly smooth popcorn sale!

### 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

Congratulations to everyone on a good Fall Recruitment for Cub Scouts. If your Pack would like to hold another recruitment night, please let me know so I can assist you. Or if you have a different idea for generating new members, please let us know. We will do what we can to help you out. Perhaps your town is having a festival or event where you can man a booth? Maybe your unit is planning to do a lot of door-to-door sales for Popcorn, and would like some door hangers with your Pack info on it to leave at each house you visit? Anything you think of is at least worth mentioning to see if it is possible. Thanks and keep up the good work. As a District, we are not terribly far away from the number we recruited last year. So let's keep at it!

### On-line Charter Renewal

Any Charter Renewal can be collected on December 12<sup>th</sup> at roundtable. Please plan to drop off your paperwork at that time. What we need is the completed paper charter that you will have printed from the online system. This paperwork requires a number of signatures. You will also need to have applications for any and all additions to the charter. These are listed on the

front page of the charter paperwork. You will also need to come prepared to write a check or make a payment for the paperwork. Please DO NOT fill out the check until we give you the total for the charter paperwork. We want to make sure the math is correct. The final item you want to have with you is a completed Journey to Excellence (JTE) form. These can be found on the Council website, or by a simple Google search. If you have questions, please reach out to either our District Executive, [Tom James](#), or to our District Commissioner, [John Fitzpatrick](#)

### 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](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](mailto: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.

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