



# Sugar Creek District “Creekside” December 2015



## Crossroads of America Council



### County Roundtables in December

By: William Turner

On December 10, 2015, the commissioners will be bringing the monthly roundtable closer to the units in each county. Please encourage all scouters and parents to attend this great opportunity to network with other leaders in your county! The commissioners in each county will plan a program tailored to each county. It would be great if we had several leaders from each unit in attendance.

- Boone County: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 East South Street, Lebanon
- Clinton County: St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 1951 Wilshire Dr, Frankfort
- Montgomery County: Byron Cox American Legion Post #72, 101 Walter Remley Drive, Crawfordsville

**In January of 2016 the newsletter will only be found on the district webpage:**

<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/BSA160page147.php>

### Pancake Breakfast

By: John Fitzpatrick

Troop 323 in Linden had a service project Sunday 11/15 - they hosted a Pancake Breakfast for their Charter Org - the Linden United Methodist Church. 6 scouts and 5 adults from the Troop fed approximately 40 church members and guest. The menu included pancakes, sausage links, and fresh fruit with all the trimmings folks like on their pancakes (syrup, margarine, peanut butter).

Coffee, milk, and juice were provided for drinks. The Troop did a great job. Their timing was perfect as they finished up and had hot food available at the conclusion of the church service. Pancakes and sausage links were cooked perfectly and got lots of compliments. The amount of food planned was also perfect. There was enough to feed everyone, including some seconds and thirds, without a lot of food left over when completed.

The church Kitchen and Fellowship Hall was left spotless and back in proper order when the Troop completed the day.



**Troop 323**

## Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

Christmas and the New Year are almost upon us, and that means we are nearing the end of all the units' charters. Only a few units have not yet submitted their recharter paperwork electronically, at least, but many still have defects that need to be resolved. Please get those in ASAP! Because we do not yet have a permanent professional assigned to the district, it would be helpful to the council staff if all units work through me to help clear up all defects.

Please join us at the December county roundtables in Boone, Clinton, and Montgomery counties. Please invite all your unit leaders to join us at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon, St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Frankfort, or the Byron Cox American Legion Post #72 in Crawfordsville on Thu 10 Dec!

Finally, now is the time to write nominations for the district awards. We have many deserving leaders in the district, but unfortunately often the awards committee receives only a single nomination for an award. Please nominate everyone you think might deserve it. Don't leave it to someone else because then it might not get done. I would love to see nominations coming from every unit in the district! All nominations are due to the district Key 3 by the end of the January roundtable.

Remember, the commissioner corps is here to help the units serve the scouts. If you need our help with something, or have any ideas on what we can do to improve roundtables and our service to individual units, please let me or one of my commissioners know. We are here to serve you!

Yours in Unit Service,  
William Turner  
District Commissioner, Sugar Creek District



## Sugar Creek Article Placement

By: Cara Wagner/Mike Thompson

Hello Sugar Creek District,

To all that have submitted scout articles to Mike Thompson or your local newspapers:

I hope that the holidays have been treating you well and continue to do so throughout the month. You've done **incredible** things this year and I am so proud to see the results of your hard work. Below are story placement counts (by my tracking) by district that you helped to place.

This year, the marketing department's goal (which based on previous years, was a stretch) was to place 85-100 media stories in 2015. With your help we surpassed that goal in August; **as of this afternoon we're at 185!**

Sugar Creek District placed 22 articles in local papers! That is the second most in all of Crossroads of America Council! Well done and please keep it up in 2016!

If you have articles you can submit them to your local newspapers or send them to Mike Thompson ([mt@ilines.net](mailto:mt@ilines.net)) and he will place the article for you. If you send it on your own please copy Mike as we don't want to duplicate our work.



## Get your scouts outdoors!

### Scout Sundays at the Park

Looking to get your den or pack out in nature? Look no further. The 2015 Scout Sunday programs at McCloud and Sodalis Nature Parks are chock-full of adventure and hands-on activities aimed to fulfill badge and elective requirements for your Cub and Girl Scouts. Each scout will also receive a special McCloud Patch at the end of the program!

*Advance registration is required. Scouts must check-in between 12:30-12:45 pm for a prompt 1:00 pm start.*



**Knots & Hiking**

2/8 at McCloud Nature Park

**Conservation**

3/15 at McCloud Nature Park

**Fun & Games**

4/12 at McCloud Nature Park

**Trees & Wildflowers**

5/3 at McCloud Nature Park

**Letterboxes & Geocaches**

7/12 at McCloud Nature Park

**Insects & Birds**

8/16 at McCloud Nature Park

**Mammals & Reptiles & Amphibians**

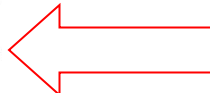
10/11 at McCloud Nature Park

**Nature Art**

11/22 at McCloud Nature Park

**Earth Processes**

12/20 at McCloud Nature Park



Scout Fee: \$10



### Overnight Camps

Pitch your tent and spend the night at McCloud Nature Park! S'mores, stars, and games abound!

**Girl Scout Overnight Camp 6/13-6/14**

**Cub & Boy Scout Overnight Camp 9/26-9/27**

Scout Fee: \$20

Adult Fee: \$7

### Merit Badge Backpacks

Working on a Merit Badge? Our backpacks are stuffed full of everything you need to complete all single-day requirements for six different merit badges. Rent a Merit Badge Backpack from McCloud Nature Center and work at your own pace on any of the following badges:

- Bird Study
- Mammal Study
- Reptile & Amphibian Study
- Forestry
- Geology
- Nature

Backpacks may be rented out only during McCloud Nature Center's operating hours.

NOV-MAR

APR-OCT

Fri-Sat 10-5

Tues-Sat 10-5

Scout Fee: \$10



For more information and registration, visit us online at

[www.HendricksCountyParks.org](http://www.HendricksCountyParks.org)