



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” February 2015



Crossroads of America Council

Sugar Creek welcomes new DE

By: Jeff Cherry

Hello,

I am your new D.E. Jeff Cherry. I am very excited to be working with all of you. I wanted to take a moment and tell you a little bit about my background. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from IUPUI. I have been married to my lovely wife Aletta Cherry for over sixteen years. We currently are foster parents to three beautiful children that we hope to adopt over the next year. The ages of the children are 4, 2, and a 3 month old baby. Now on to my scouting career. I began my scouting career as a cub scout in 1977. I progressed through the pack ranks and crossed the bridge into the Boy Scouts at the age of ten in 1979. I held a lot of different positions as a youth in scouting. Some of them included Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Patrol Leader. I stayed in the boy scouts as a youth until I was sixteen years old. I obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in February 1986. While a youth in scouting also obtained the ranks of Minisino Firecrafter and Brotherhood Order of the Arrow member. I was an assistant Scoutmaster with two troops on the south side of Indianapolis for about four years. In other words; all of my scouting experience is as a youth and a volunteer.

Professional scouting is new to me. However, the morals and values that people like you have helped to instill in the young men of tomorrow are not new to me. I benefited greatly from the men and women who volunteered throughout my tenure as a youth and as a younger assistant scoutmaster. I understand the challenges you face.

It is my hope to do nothing more than to be of service to you. I want to help you to achieve the goals of scouting. The primary goal being helping to enrich the lives of America's youth and giving them a firm foundation on which to rely upon in their later years.

Yours in Scouting,
Jeffrey S. Cherry



Chuck Prass Memorial Klondike Camporee

Where: Camp Cullom

When: Feb. 12-14, 2016

See last page of this newsletter for
details on events

Units camping can arrive after 3:00pm on the 12th
Registration starts at 7:00am on the 13th

This year there will be a special gold rush event in honor of Chuck Prass.

Each patrol will venture out in search of a gold claim and bring found claims to the claim office to be recorded. Chuck left behind one special claim for both Webelos and Boy Scout troops, find this claim and bring it in to receive 25 bonus points. Find the super nugget and receive 50 bonus points. At 2 o'clock any claims not yet turned in will be available for claim jumping and turned in for 20 bonus points.

Commissioner’s Corner

By: William Turner

Sugar Creek District has a new District Executive! Please help me welcome Jeff Cherry to our Key 3.

On February 10th, we will again have county roundtables in Boone, Clinton, and Montgomery counties. Please encourage all scouters in the district to attend! The commissioners in each county are planning the programs tailored for each county. Please encourage all scouters to come to the nearest roundtable and network with other scouters in the county. We plan to try it again in April before deciding how to proceed in the future.

The next few months promise to be very busy. Klondike Derby is coming in February this year. The district dinner at the beginning of March is a good time to celebrate the past year and recognize scouters in the district receiving various awards. I am looking forward to the Pinewood Derby in March, the Cub Scout Olympics in April, and of course the spring camporee is in May. May also brings the annual program kickoff, but this year the council is talking about having several locations, each hosting a few districts on our regular roundtable night. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

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
Sugar Creek District Commissioner



County Roundtables in February

By: William Turner

On February 11, 2016, 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

2016 Camp Card Timeline

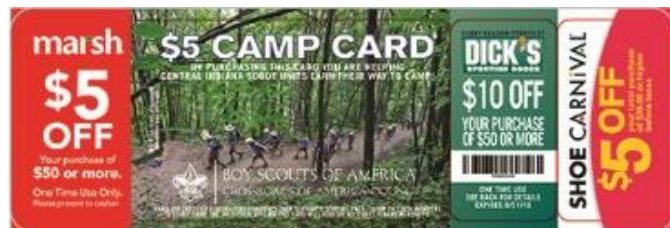
Units Order Camp Cards ([online order form](#))

*Orders are due online by 2/12/16 (in order to be distributed by last week of February)

*We will accept orders from 1/12/16 to 4/28/16.

*Cards are ordered in sets of 25 cards.

[Click here for more information!](#)



Troop 318 Snow Tubing at Paoli Peaks

By: Richard Vogler

Boy Scouts from Troop 318 went snow tubing at Paoli Peaks, Sunday, January 24, 2016. It was a beautiful day and the tubing was super-fast with colder weather on the slopes of southern Indiana. Scouts and leaders had a great time as we arrived early and had the tubing lanes all to ourselves for most of the morning. The Troop invited Pack 318 Webelos to attend this fun outing.

Boy Scouts of America offers a challenging and fun program for boys who are older than 10, or who have completed the fifth grade. Boy Scouts and Venturers learn leadership tools and skills and apply them within the Scouting context, so that they can in turn carry those forward into their troop/crew and other aspects of life such as school, family, church, and future profession.

To learn more about Boy Scouts you can contact Richard Vogler by calling or text at [765-918-1204](tel:765-918-1204)



Where: Camp Cullom
When: Feb. 12-14, 2016

Friday, February 12

3:00 P.M. Units who are camping can arrive.

Saturday, February 13

7:00- 9:00 A.M.	Registration
8:00 A.M.	Station master meeting
8:30 A.M.	Patrol leaders and Cub leaders report for instructions
9:00 A.M.	Opening flag ceremony
9:15 A.M.	Stations begins
12:00 P.M.	Lunch (1 hour)
1:00 P.M.	Resume stations
5:00 P.M.	Report to front of main lodge for Sledge race
6:00 P.M.	Closing flag ceremony
7:00 P.M.	Firecrafter Dinner
8:00 P.M.	Awards

Sunday, February 14

9:00 A.M.	Scout lead service at chapel
12:00 P.M.	Leave camp and leave no trace

Station 1 String Burn

Patrols will burn through two strings, one set at 12 inches and 1 set of 18 inches. Fire must be made of all natural materials, no kindling will be allowed to touch the string. 25 bonus points for starting fire with flint and steel. 50 bonus points for starting fire by friction. This will be a timed event.

Station 2 Dawson Log Saw

Patrols will use a two man saw to cut through a log. 25 bonus points if you can identify what type of wood the log is. This will be a timed event.

Station 3 Slingshot Shoot

Each Patrol will have 25 shots at three different targets. Each target will have a different point value. 25 bonus points for patrols that make their own slingshot.

Station 4 Blind Tent Pitch

Everyone in your Patrol will be blindfolded except for you. Unfortunately you're unable to use your arms and legs. You must only use voice commands to help your Patrol members pitch a tent and then enter the tent safely. This station will have a 30-minute time limit.

Station 5 Ravine Crossing

Each patrol will have to fasten their sledge to guidelines and pull it across the ravine and back again. This will be a timed event.

Station 6 Chuck Prass Memorial Gold Rush

Each patrol will venture out in search of a gold claim and bring found claims to the claim office to be recorded. Chuck left behind one special claim for both Webelos and Boy Scout troops, find this claim and bring it in to receive 25 bonus points. Find the super nugget and receive 50 bonus points. At 2 o'clock any claims not yet turned in will be available for claim jumping and turned in for 20 bonus points.

Station 7 Sled Race

All patrols will meet in front of the main lodge at 5:00 pm for the start of the sled race. All sledges must weigh a minimum of 55 pounds. No skis allowed on sled. No cleats allowed.