



# Creekside



## June 2013

### Eagle Scout Cole Thompson receives “Medal of Merit” award

Cole Thompson of Troop 350 in Advance, Ind. chartered to Advance Community Church received a significant honor in Scouting. Because of decisive actions in an emergency situation he was awarded the National Certificate of Merit. This is awarded to a Scout or adult leader who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition in a manner consistent with the best traditions of the Boy Scouts of America. It has been presented to 1,698 people across the nation since its creation in 1989. To read entire story, click below..

[www.crossroadsbsa.org/Related/News/ScoutsinAction.aspx?p=1](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Related/News/ScoutsinAction.aspx?p=1)



### Mark your Calendar

**By: Chuck Prass**

In just 2 months time, the District will kick off the next Scout Year of 2013-2014. Our first two events will be the Fishing Derby on 14 September at The Lagoons just North of Frankfort, (See <http://www.sugarcreek.homestead.com> for more details) and the “Fall Zomberee” Camporee on the weekend of October 18-20 at Camp Kikthawenund near Frankton in Madison County. Mark your calendars now for these fun events. Needed is an Able Leader for a Chair

to head up the Cub Olympics in 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 Juli Smith, DE.

### 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.

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 Juli Smith at [jusmith@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:jusmith@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.

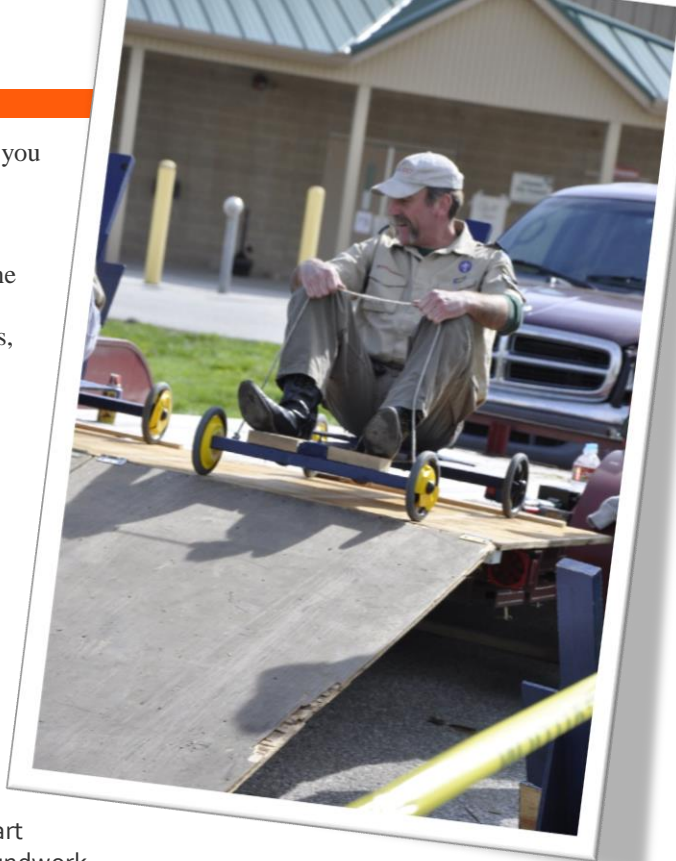
### Membership

"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.

On June 13th, the School Night team will hold the School Night for Scouting orientation and kickoff, so that your pack can be prepared to hit the ground running to promote and host a successful membership drive. It's very important that every pack have a representative at the event, which will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church's fellowship hall in Lebanon beginning at 7:00. School night posters and yard signs will be available for pickup that night."

### Camping

Rotary Day Camp will be held July 9-13 at Camp Rotary in Crawfordsville, and there's plenty of room for all to enjoy! We are looking forward to having a very fun week. Before that can happen - We Need Some Help From You Please.



One of our craft projects will be working with a 15oz vegetable tin can. We are asking for each Scout that will be attending Rotary Day Camp this summer to turn in two 15oz vegetable tin cans (clean with the labels removed). We need all the Unit Leaders to get their units' supplies to the crafts staff as soon as possible (we DO NEED them BEFORE Day Camp Starts). Sorry, but we cannot use any pop top lids they are too sharp inside. If for any reason your pack has not turned in their Day Camp roster along with 2 copies of the medical forms and insurance card copies to the Scout office please get those turned in as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly and make this the best experience possible for you and your Cub Scouts. We will go ahead and honor the Early Bird fee (\$65) until May 29th. After that the regular fee of \$75 per Scout will apply. Camp workshops for those families in need are still available. \*\*\*Remember we will need a medical form / insurance copy from anyone attending camp which includes All Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Relatives and any Tag-a-longs whether they are there for one day or all week. We are asking for you to please provide two copies of the medical form and insurance card.

# Putting "Outing in Scouting"

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](mailto: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."

## Law Merit Badge Class

Just announced there will be a Law merit badge class on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Boone County Courthouse. Class size is restricted to 25 scouts.



**Scouts attending will be required to complete all prerequisites and attend class in uniform with questions.**

In attendance will be Boone County Circuit Court Judge Jeff Edens and several attorneys. For more details go to <http://www.lawmerit.homestead.com>

## High Adventure

From the first day I heard about the National Outdoor Awards I have been a big fan. These awards are a great way to encourage both the scouts and the adult leaders to put the "Outing in Scouting." As your new High Adventure Chair for the Sugar Creek District I encourage all troops to fully embrace the program. It is a lot easier than it looks and everything required are things a troop should already be doing. See:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/Youth/~link.aspx?id=5B1815A1C2E44DAA8C4481BA7DB66839&z=z>

One requirement for the aquatics award is the mile swim. It seemed to an old guy like me to be a daunting task. Two of the boys in my troop decided to train together. One did it the mile on the second try and the other did it on the third.

If you are looking for a great place to either train for Philmont, knock off camping and hiking requirements, or have a nice weekend troop experience check out the Hoosier National Forest just south of Bloomington and the Ransburg Scout Reservation. The Hickory Ridge Camp has 48.7 miles of trails and is near the Maumee Scout Reservation. See:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/hoosier/recreation/hiking> and <http://www.hoosiertrailsbsa.org/program-resources/camps-outdoor-programs/maumee-scout-reservation/47081> Things to be aware of at Hickory Ridge are it is

an unstaffed first come/first serve site with no water and bring your own toilet paper. Another camping and hiking location is the Charles C. Deam Wilderness. It has 37.3 miles of trails. See:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/hoosier/recreation/natureviewing/recarea/?recid=41554&actid=63>

Happy Trails,

David Hovde



## We need your opinion..

*Would you like to give feedback regarding new Scouting programs and proposed changes to existing Scouting programs? If you are a youth member 14 years of age or older, a volunteer, or a parent of a Cub Scout or Boy Scout, click on the link below to become a member of a Scouting research panel and receive surveys (no more than three per year) on a variety of topics related to potential Scouting programs:*

[www.scouting.org/about/research/ResearchPanel.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/about/research/ResearchPanel.aspx).



## Wood Badge

Wood Badge is the BSA's ultimate leadership training for adults. It offers a six day immersion in the theory, practice, and experience of appropriate skills for leading others within Scouting and environments beyond the BSA. It accomplishes this by building all of the pieces of the course on a foundation of five central themes.

- Living the Values

- Bringing the Vision to Life
- Models for Success
- Tools of the Trade
- Leading to Make a Difference

Wood Badge is designed to be as valuable to leaders involved with Cub Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing as it is to those primarily involved with the Boy Scout Program.

### Participant Must be:

- Registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
- Have a current BSA physical and capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment
- Successfully complete Youth Protection, and the following:

### Cub Scout Leaders

Leader Specific Training

### Scoutmasters and Assistants

Leader Specific Training

Outdoor Leader Skills

### Troop Committee

Troop Committee Challenge

### Varsity Scout Leaders

Varsity Scout Leader Fundamentals

### Venturing Leaders

Venturing Leader Specific Training

### Commissioners

Commissioner Basic Training

### District Committee

District Committee Training

Workshop

**August 17 - 19, 2013**

**September 21-23, 2013**

### Steve Taylor

C-6-160-13-2 Course Director

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## Fishing Derby Update

by Dana Harrison

### When:

**On September 14, 2013**

### Where:

**Starting at 1pm at  
The Lagoons**

**Every scout will need an adult,** mom, dad, grandpa, uncle, or other relative (who is 18 years or older) with them, no exceptions.

**Registration for the DERBY will start at NOON,** the Derby will begin at 1pm and finish at 4pm with an award ceremony right after that.

**The cost this year is \$7.00 per team,** one Cub Scout + one adult. This will help with the purchase of the patches and awards.

### **Some specific information:**

Each Cub Scout should be accompanied by an adult, a relative, age 18 or older. This is a time for you and your Cub Scout to spend quality time together.

**Trophies** will be given for the

**Longest catfish** caught,

**Longest bluegill** caught,

**Longest "other caught",**

and for the **most fish caught.**

**Ribbons** will be given for each



rank level for the **longest fish caught** and for the **most fish caught.** An overall Trophy will go to the Pack with the most Cub Scouts **there** that day, participating in the event.

### **Just added !**

Family fun day will be at the fishing derby.

This involves additional fun activities for all..details will be posted at

<http://www.sugarcreek.homestead.com>