



Scout Fair Radio Merit Badge Class

Creekside



May 2013

Forging ahead through Scouting Spring Camporee results

The 2013 Spring Camporee saw an attendance of 133 boys and 65 adults. A salute to Mike McKeown and Staff for staging a real fine Camporee. It takes a lot of planning and commitment to stage these events, and a thanks to the representatives of the 19 Units for attending. And, a week ahead of the floods proved to be a lucky break also.

Troop 326 and Pack 311 were winners.



Mark your Calendar

By: Chuck Prass

In just 3 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, and the "Fall Zomberee" (See last page of newsletter)

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. 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 be ready to turn in your popcorn commitments, kernel names and contact information at the May Roundtable, or email them to Juli Smith at

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

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 David Hovde (765-427-1087) in Clinton County, Steve Taylor (765-676-6666) in Boone 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.

There is a Pack Unit Leader meeting

scheduled for Wed. May 29 at 7 pm, we will be meeting at Camp Rotary. There you will receive information and get any questions you may have answered about Day Camp.

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 bring the tin cans to the May 29th meeting (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 bring those and the payment to the May 29th meeting. 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.

***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. Thank you for your help.
Linda Taylor-Solano, Rotary Day Camp Staff, Volunteer

Putting "Outing in Scouting"

by David Hovde

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

By Chuck Prass

The Sugar Creek Annual Scouting For Food is coming to a end, and has so far compiled nearly 11,059 reported items . / total of 17 of 31 units have replied with totals.. All totals are due to Chuck Prass by May 9th!. Our goal this year is in the 16,000 to 18,000 range, but it would be grand to top the 20,000 mark as we did in 2009. Remember to check in with the Activities Director with your totals, volunteers, and hours when complete. Let's have another successful Scouting For Food drive this year, and show our Scouting Principles through service to our communities in this effort.

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."

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



Merit Badge Counselor's

There has been numerous of non-certified people signing merit badges for scouts. Only those registered at the council are eligible to sign off on merit badges. Those signing merit badges should have some proficiency in that merit badge. Just reading the merit badge book does not make you proficient, nor does merit badge .com make you proficient. The object of the merit badge program is to get the youth out of their comfort zone and interact with other adults.

To be a merit badge counselor you must fill out a new adult application and a merit badge consular information sheet. To avoid any conflict of the unit chair signing the sheet and getting it reversed by a higher authority, please give them to

John D Hawkins, District advancement Chair.



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

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District Derby Winners

by Bryan McCarty

Tigers

1. Davie Avenatti
2. Tony Martin
3. Joshia Knight
4. Wolfs

1. Kristofer Russell
2. Malaki Gallican
3. Ethan Griffith

Bears

1. Colton Edwards

Webelos

1. Erik McCarty
2. Nathan Cole
3. Gregory Gray



Tag Alongs

1. Ivy Avenatti
2. Samantha Gray
3. Ashley Leach

Adult

1. Ed Russell



Derby Winners 2013 Scout Fair

OVERALL DISTRICT

1. Davie Avenatti
2. Nathan Cole
3. Kristofer Russell