



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” November 2015



Crossroads of America Council

Good Luck Tom!

By: Tom James

It is with mixed emotions that I write you this article. I was offered a promotion to become the new Council Program Director for the Black Swamp Area Council in Findlay, Ohio, which I accepted.

The past 2.5 years serving as your DE have been an amazing experience, and I will miss getting to work with you all. I truly believe that Sugar Creek is one of the best Districts in this big Council, and that is because of each of you. I could not have done this job without your support. Thank you very much



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

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

Feast of the Hunters Moon

By: Richard Vogler

Boy Scouts from Troop 318 participated in The Feast of the Hunters' Moon this past weekend, October 2-4, 2015. The Feast is a re-creation of the annual fall gathering of the French and Native Americans which took place Fort Ouiatenon, a fur-trading outpost in the mid-1700s. It is held annually in early autumn on the banks of the Wabash River, four miles southwest of West Lafayette, Indiana.

Thousands of participants re-enact this event creating a feast for your senses. Smell the wood smoke, hear the report of the rifles, savor authentic food and more. The Troop sells food as a fundraiser to help support the many scouting events and activities planned for the year.

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).



Troop 318

Sugar Creek Facebook Page – If you haven't seen it yet, you don't know what you're missing! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SugarCreekDistrict> and like our page to stay engaged with what is happening in Sugar Creek. We are constantly sharing stories and photos from events and getting the message out about all the great things we do!

District Website – Check out our new District website! Please save this link as a Favorite so you know where to go in the future.

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Good Turn for Goodwill

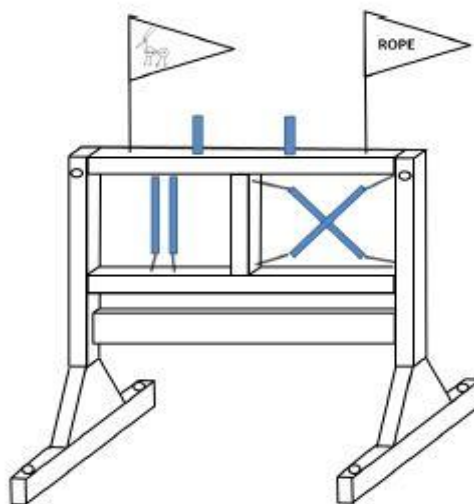
INDIANAPOLIS – Central Indiana residents with clothes, toys, housewares or other items to donate can count on an assist from their local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, who are collecting donations for Goodwill this fall.

From October 12 to November 15, participants from Crossroads of America Council, BSA and Girl Scouts of Central Indiana will collect items and bring them to any of Goodwill's more than 50 stores and donation centers. Last year, about 3,000 Scouts participated, collecting about 44,000 pounds of donations. The Good Turn for Goodwill service project was inspired by Boy Scout Troop 199 of Fishers, which first held a Goodwill donation drive in 2011.



Knot Tying/Building Station

By: Richard Vogler



As part of Rich's Wood Badge Ticket he developed plans on building the station shown above. [Click here to view his plans.](#)

This Design Skill & Development Knot Tying Apparatus was built to aid in Webelos to scout transition

Blue print shows required knots, apparatus design and instructions for:

Scouting Required Knots (13)

- Bowline
- Clove hitch
- Overhand
- Overhand Bend
- Round Turn with two half hitches
- Sheepshank
- Sheet bend
- Slip knot
- Square
- Square bow knot
- Tautline
- Timber hitch
- Two Half Hitches

Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

Thank you to all the units that submitted their charter renewal packets last month! The submission night appears to have been a success again this year, at least in two of the counties. Most of the commissioners in the district gave their time to man the three collection points. We already have most of the charter packets in hand, and each unit was in and out even more quickly than last year. We still have several charter packets to collect, and many youth protection trainings and other pieces to make the packets we have complete, but it is a great start. Thank you!

All remaining recharter pieces are due to the council office by the end of the month. However, because of our change in district executives, it would be very wise to submit everything by the November roundtable. Also remember to submit your unit's Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms with your charter renewal packet, even if the unit does not qualify for an award. These forms can help you see how you might work to improve your unit next year. The award is really designed to be used year-round to help improve your unit's performance, not just as a set of check boxes to fill in at the end of the year, and the 2016 scoresheets are already available on the national website.

Last month also saw both county roundtables and our fall camporee. Unfortunately, attendance was lower at both than we would have liked. We will try the county roundtables again in December. Please plan to attend!

The New Year will see the Klondike Derby in February, the district dinner and Pinewood Derby in March, and the Cub Olympics and Spring Camporee in April.

Finally, thank you to Tom James for serving as our district executive for two and a half years. Good luck in your new position in Ohio. You will be missed.

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



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

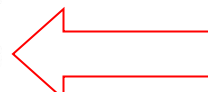
10/11 at McCloud Nature Park

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

Fri-Sat 10-5

APR-OCT

Tues-Sat 10-5

Scout Fee: \$10



For more information and registration, visit us online at

www.HendricksCountyParks.org