

Creekside



September
2013



Fishing Derby/ Fun Day is September 14th, at "The Lagoons" North of Frankfort

Troop 318 National Scout Jamboree 2013 Adventure By: Richard Vogler

Eleven scouts from Boy Scout Troop 318, chartered with the First United Methodist Church, recently returned from a five day adventure to the wilds of West Virginia. Highlights from the trip included white-water rafting on the New River and attending the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. The Summit sits on 10,600 acres of forested mountains in the New River Gorge National River area and starting this year, will serve as the permanent home for the BSA's iconic national Scout Jamboree, a celebration of Scouting held every four years. To locate a Boy Scout Pack or Troop in Montgomery County, go to www.beascout.org online. It's never too late to join!



Upcoming Events

By: Chuck Prass

Our first District Activity on the calendar is The Fishing Derby, to be held this Saturday, September 14, at The Lagoons off Highway 75 just north of Frankfort. Bring your Cubs and your poles and be ready for a few 'Bites'. (See <http://www.sugarcreek.homestead.com> for more details).

Next Activity will be the "Fall Zombere" Camporee on the weekend of October 18-20, 2013 at Camp Kikthawenund, near Frankton in Western Madison County. This will be our first time returning to this great camp since 2009, so be ready for a fine treat. Our all-time District Favorite, the Klondike Derby, to be held at Camp Cullom in Clinton County on the weekend of January 10-12, 2014.

The Cub Olympics are moving on the calendar to February or March next year. Updates will be posted as soon as a date and venue are finalized. The same applies with the Pinewood Derby 2014. Still needed is a Volunteer Leader to chair the Spring Camporee in April, 2014. We are looking towards Camp Rotary for this event. Anyone interested in stepping up to lead this Camporee should contact myself or Steve Gray.

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

Thanks to all of our units who got their initial popcorn orders in on time! The next step is the sorting and distribution. This will take place between September 19-20. Please be checking your emails in the next few days for the opportunity to sign up for a time slot to pick up your popcorn. This will be first come, first serve. The sale will begin on Saturday, September 21st. Make sure you are getting out to do door-to-door sales, as well as show and sells. There will be additional product that will be available throughout the sale at the Purity Wholesale Grocers, 300 Purity Drive, Lebanon, IN 46052. More information will be provided to you before the sale begins. Specific times will be arranged for coming to pick up additional product. Good Luck!!

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

Congratulations to everyone on a good Fall Recruitment for Cub Scouts. If your Pack would like to hold another recruitment night, please let me know so I can assist you. Or if you have a different idea for generating new members, please let us know. We will do what we can to help you out. Perhaps your town is having a festival or event where you can man a booth? Maybe your unit is planning to do a lot of door-to-door sales for Popcorn, and would like some door hangers with your Pack info on it to leave at each house you visit? Anything you think of is at least worth mentioning to see if it is possible. Thanks and keep up the good work. As a District, we are not terribly far away from the number we recruited last year. So let's keep at it!



Scouts assist survivors of "USS Indianapolis"

On August 2nd, Adult Leaders and Scouts from 550 were asked to help serve refreshments to the remaining survivors from the Navel Ship USS Indianapolis which sank in 1945 after being hit by a Japanese Submarine.

The Ship lost 880 servicemen from the totaled 1,197 on board. It was a nighttime sinking and there were no ships in the area to



Front Row Left to Right: Owen K, Logan B, Henry H, Zach G.
Back Row Left to Right: Jared B, Gavan S

help. It was five days in the shark infested waters before help arrived. Drowning, delirium, dehydration and shark attacks claimed all but the 317 survivors.

Only 15 original survivors remain. As you can see for the pics, they are in their 80's and 90's. (My husband and I help out at Belzer in the Ham Radio room and also at the Indy War Memorial Radio Room. Mr. Chuck Crist asked my husband and I if our Pack would like to help. The Indy War Memorial has a USS Indianapolis Radio Room replica that is open to the public and Scouts can go through and even talk on the radio.)

It was a wonder experience! A couple of the servicemen called the Scouts over to personally thank them for helping that day.

By:Amber Brown, CM Pack 550

Webelos to Boy Scout Transition

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. The district will review your article so that it may be published in the next month's newsletter.

Cub Scout 318 Picnic

Cub Scout Pack 318, chartered with the First United Methodist Church, recently held its Opening Family Picnic Saturday, August 24 at Milligan Park in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The pack opening picnic has become a favorite tradition to start the cub scouting season and welcome new families and scouts into Pack 318. The picnic started with an opening flag ceremony by BSA Troop 318 and pack families enjoying a lunch at the North Shelter House. After lunch the boys earned belt loop awards for good manners and kickball played at Baldwin Field. The pack is getting excited about kicking off the season and enjoying another great year in scouting.

By: Richard Vogler, CC Pack 318



“A critical step in the journey of Scouting”

PLANNING

- PREPARATION
- PERFORMANCE
- SUCCESS

Planning has two basic components of the transition plan, which are:

- Partnering of Webelos dens and Boy Scout Troops, and
- Joint Webelos-Boy Scout activities.

The most important element for success is advance preparation of Webelos Leaders and advanced planning by those leaders is critical. The Webelos-to-Scout Transition Plan helps introduce Webelos Scouts to Boy Scout skills and future advancement.

He sees boy leadership at work in the troop and senses his own potential as a junior leader. He becomes more confident and enthusiastic about the patrol method, district camporees, summer camp, and perhaps even a national jamboree or high adventure trip.

In short, the boy's desire for troop membership is the result of this gradual change in appetite for troop-oriented activities.

Now is the time to set your PLAN. While you are working on your calendar and yearly events, have a conversation with a Boy Scout Troop to partner and host some joint activities together. This process works and can become a wonderful way to help both programs flourish.

If you are not sure how to get started, talk with your unit commissioner or give the District Webelos to Scout Transition team a call, we would love to help:

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