



# Sugar Creek District “Creekside” September 2017



## Crossroads of America Council

### Rechartering

By: William Turner

The online recharter system will go live next month, but units should start preparing their rosters now. Ensure all youth protections trainings are up to date. Unit leaders and committee chairs should watch for an email later this month from the council with the unit's access codes. Designate one person to handle the paperwork, and that person should access the online system as soon as possible after it goes live to ensure they know how to interact with it. Please forward that person's name, email address, and phone number(s) to our District Executive, Jessica Hofman ([jehofman@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:jehofman@crossroadsbsa.org)), so we can include this person on any future charter-related communications.

The unit will need to submit its completed charter renewal packet at one of the charter renewal submission opportunities listed below. This year we will assign each unit a 15-minute window to submit its packet at one of the opportunities in each county, which we hope will make the entire process go much more smoothly. Please come to the September and October roundtables to sign up for a time slot!

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### Sugar Creek District Turn-In Opportunities

- Thursday, October 12, at 7pm, at the district roundtable, Lebanon LDS Church, 2291 Witt Rd, Lebanon
- Wednesday, October 25
  - American Legion Post #72  
101 Walter Remley Drive,  
Crawfordsville  
(Come in the south door; not the bar)  
7:00-8:30pm
  - Boone County REMC Community Room  
1207 Indianapolis Rd., Lebanon  
6:30-8:00pm
  - Frankfort Fire Station Training Building  
256 South Clay Street, Frankfort  
6:30-8:00pm

If these dates are not convenient, contact the District Commissioner or District Executive to schedule a mutually agreeable time to submit the packet before the **October 25, 2017, due date**.



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## Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

I hope everyone's scouting year is off to a good start. The recruiting nights in August were a huge success, and applications are still coming in. Soon, the popcorn sale will start, and we will have our first district Cub Fun Weekend.

Rechartering season is coming soon. The plan is essentially the same as the last two years. All units should receive an email from the council, and we will have a breakout session about it at the September roundtable. We are again using the online rechartering system, and we will again have sessions for units to submit their recharter paperwork in each of the main counties at the end of October. Please watch the newsletter and the roundtable for more information.

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Hand-in-hand with rechartering is the Journey to Excellence (JTE) award. It is never too early to review your unit's JTE progress and to start planning for 2018. 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 2018 scorecards are already available on the national website.

The commissioner corps is here to help the units serve the scouts. We have some ideas to try to improve roundtables and our service to individual units, but we can always use more ideas. If you have any, or need our help with something, please let me or one of my commissioners know.

Yours in Unit Service,  
William Turner  
District Commissioner, Sugar Creek District



## The "Colored Cemetery" Eagle Project

By: Mike Thompson



Many people don't realize and have never heard of the 1860's "Colored Cemetery" just a few miles outside of Thorntown. For his Eagle Project, Reece Thompson, researched, met with trustees, consulted with an anthropologist at Ball State and raised funds to complete this restoration.

A total of 28 volunteers showed up working 365 total volunteer hours. Through a Boone REMC grant, a corporate donation from US Aggregate and private donations \$1,756.68 in funds were collected. Starting his research and obtaining permits in early 2017 Reece last week completed the restoration last with the addition of a new "Indiana Cemetery Heritage" sign.

Many, many details about the restoration can be seen at <http://www.eagleproject.homestead.com>

