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Sagamore

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Cub Scout Camping DVD

The Sagamore Council will be supplying all Cub Scout Packs with a DVD that includes all your Pack Camping Coordinator will need to promote and register Cub Scouts and Webelos for Day Camp and Adventure Camp. The DVD's will include the Camp Promotion videos for Day Camp and Adventure Camp to be used at your Pack Camp Promotion Parents night. It will also include an Adventure Camp Power Point presentation that can be used during your Blue and Gold Banquet while the families are eating. Also included will be the forms for both Cub Scout Day Camp and Adventure Camp as well as the Cary Adventure Camp Leaders Guide. The DVD will be mailed to Pack Committee Chairmen by the end of January.

Cary Adventure Camp Staff

If you know anyone 15 and older who would like to spend a month a Cary Camp, let them know they are encouraged to turn in an application to serve on the Cary Adventure Camp Staff. We are looking for both youth and adult staff. Potential staff members need to be available from June 28, 2011 through July 24, 2011. The camp provides room and board and a stipend for most staff members. Volunteers are always welcome. Staff Applications can be downloaded from the Camping section of sagamoresignals.com.

2011 Boy Scout Summer Camp Video Available

Scoutmasters, if you would like to show the Scouts in your troop our latest promotional video about summer camp at Camp Buffalo, call the Council Service Center to request a copy. See current reservation chart for 2011 summer camp on back page of Sagamore Signals.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD



SAGAMORE COUNCIL / THE KROGER COMPANY
A Food Collection Campaign to Help North Central Indiana's Hungry

Sagamore Council, in cooperation with Kroger, will collect non-perishable food items to support needy families in north central Indiana. It is intended that this will become an annual service project in the council to do our "Good Turn". Kroger will provide the bags, stickers for the bags, and patches, and Kroger will support our efforts in their eleven locations in Sagamore Council.

This annual event will take place during two consecutive Saturdays in March or April. During the first weekend Scout units will deliver food collection bags door to door in local neighborhoods. The second weekend the bags will be collected and taken to a local food pantry or designated collection point.

Contact the Council office at 765-452-8253 or 800-844-0537 for more info.
Don't forget that Scouting for Food counts towards service hours for Good Turn for America

2011 Scouting for Food Event Summary / Patch Order

Scout Units: Please submit this form to your District Scouting for Food Chair at your district turn-in location or email the day of the collection so we can share the drive's success with the public and get your patches to you quickly.

District: _____ Pack/Troop/Crew # _____
(Choose One)

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Scouts: _____

Location of Where You Dropped Off Collected Food _____

Approximate number of hours your Scout unit dedicated to Scouting for Food: _____

(Note - This is the total number everyone in your Scout unit spent on this - all of the Scouts and leaders, multiplied by the number of hours. EXAMPLE: 10 Scouts and four adults provided 6 hours = 84 hours)

Number of food items collected (example: one can = one item): _____

Big One

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District 1 Eagles

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Philip Gudeman	133
Colby Waiber	158

BIG ONE DISTRICT BOWLATHON INFORMATION AND FORMS FOR BOWLATHON WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY 13TH ROUNDTABLE

- Responsibilities of the Pack or Troop:
- Set up a family bowling outing
 - Promote outing and distribute forms to families
 - Collect FOLDED sponsor forms before or at the bowling outing
 - Complete the Bowlathon record form
 - Get a receipt from the bowling establishment for Scouts who qualify (ten forms)
 - Return sponsor forms and record form to District Executive
 - Distribute prizes to Scouts

BIG ONE DISTRICT OUTSTANDING UNIT LEADER AWARD 2011

At the District Dinner on May 1, we would like to recognize leaders in your pack or troop. If you have a leader that has been active in your pack or troop for at least a couple of years and has been a positive influence, please nominate him or her for the outstanding unit leader award. Several leaders will be recognized so don't hesitate to send multiple names. Also, as a way for your unit to say thank you, why not pay their way to the district dinner. This award can only be received once. I will let you know if I find that a name submitted has earned the award in the past.

Info. Needed by April 1: Pack or Troop number, Nominee's name and position in scouting, Nominee's address, Nominee's phone, Impact nominee has had on your program, Name, address, and phone of person submitting nominee. You can email me information at hershey@embarqmail.com. (If not emailing, please print and mail to Council Service Center).

LOCK-IN 2011
"AMAZING WORLD OF LIGHT!"
Friday, March 4, 2011
Roosevelt Middle School, Monticello

Is your pack looking for a fun-filled overnight experience and can't wait for summer camp? All Cub Scouts, Tigers and Webelos are invited to take part in an "enlightening" overnight in this year's annual Lock-In.

ASK EVERY BOY TO CAMP

Talk about camp and the fun the boys can have. BB guns, Archery, games, swimming, badge work, crafts, and much more. Tell parents to put camp dates on their 2011 calendar.

Rensselaer Day Camp Lake Banet (St. Joseph College) June 13-16
Camp Buffalo Day Camp Buffalo, IN July 18-22
Cary Camp Day Camp Lafayette August 1-5

All day camps are JUST \$65.00 (\$60/Earlybird) with no fee for adults.
Cub Adventure Camp: First session: July 2-4 ; Second session: July 22-24. \$115.00 includes boy and one adult. Additional adults \$55.00.

Webelos Adventure Camp: First session: July 7-10; Second session July 10-13; Third session July 14-17 \$130.00 per boy; \$75.00 per adult.
Cub and Webelos Adventure camps are held at Cary Camp just east of Lafayette. Camperships are available for families with financial need.

January Pack Meeting- Set up a camp display of pictures of past camp experiences. Have cubs and Webelos who have been to camp in the past share their personal experience. Prep them to talk about the fun they had and the activities they did. Mention how to pay for camp: popcorn certificates, camperships, payment plan, etc.

February Pack Meeting- Announce any new info on camp. Mention March is Camp Promotion night and time to sign up and pay deposit for camp. We want every boy to go to camp.

March Pack Meeting- CAMP PROMOTION NIGHT Sign up for camp. Have table for Scouts and parents to sign up. Make it a big deal. Make it Rah Rah! Do a camp song. Make camp posters at den meetings and have on display at Pack meeting.

April Follow up / this is critical. Contact made with every family that did not sign up for camp. **ASK: IS BOY GOING TO CAMP? Payment due April 15 for early bird discount \$5.00 for Lake Banet.**

BIG ONE DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY WEST CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011

Maximum 4 Cars Per Pack Cost: \$5.00 Per Car

We are trying something different this year for the Big One District Race in that there are very few rules. They are:

- Car Specifications as Shown in Pinewood Box:
- Width: 2 3/4 inches X Length: 7 inches
- Weight: Not Over 5 Ounces
- Width Between Wheels: 1 3/4 inches
- Bottom Clearance Between Car & Track: 3/8 inches
- Only Dry Lubricant Permitted
- Car May Only Be Propelled By Gravity

That's it. Those are the rules. We are looking forward to seeing some very creative cars.

Great Deal on Coleman Tents!

Your Council Centennial Jamboree Contingent is reselling its ten-day-used tents for a fraction of retail! We now have only six Coleman Dome Tents left. These are available for only \$79 - that's \$30 off the retail price, and you don't even have to pay shipping! Coleman says they sleep five, but that basically means "two or three Scouts with lots of room for gear!" If interested, call 765-452-8253.



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Camp Cary: www.carycamp.com

Camp Buffalo: www.campbuffalo.com

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CALENDAR

January

- 6 Roundtable 7 pm at Crosswind
- 22 Scout Camp - the Movie 6 pm - McHale Auditorium
- 27 District Meeting 7 pm at Crosswind

February

- 3 Roundtable 7 pm at Crosswind
- 24 District Meeting at 7 pm at Crosswind
- 26 Merit Badge Day at the Ikes (Boy Scouts)
- 26 Webelos Badge Day at Crosswind (Webelos)

Webelos Activity Badge Day

Crosswind is the place for Webelos to be on February 26. Come in out of the cold and enjoy a day of Activity Badge achievement! The day will begin at 7:30 am with registration, and classes beginning at 8 am. Badges that are scheduled to be achieved are: Engineer, Geologist, Artist, and Showman. The day will end at 4:30 pm. Cost is \$5, and pre-registration is required by February 21, 2011. For questions, contact Diann Sedam.

Merit Badge Day

February 26 we will host the annual Merit Badge Day at the Ikes! Contact Jan Ellison for more information and badge offerings, at dennisandjanellison@comcast.net.

Scout Camp - the Movie! (FREE)

Have you ever met and interacted with a Producer, Director, and Writer? Have you been looking for a way to share your love of Scouting with your non-Scout friends? This is the perfect event!

Garrett Batty, Eagle Scout, Writer, Director, and Producer of "Scout Camp - The Movie" will be at McHale Auditorium in Logansport, Indiana on January 22, 2011, to screen this movie. Garrett will then talk to us about what it means to "Leave Your Legacy".

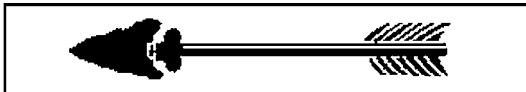
This is a FREE event, and the public is invited. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the movie will start at 7:00 pm. Bring your Pack, grab your Crew, push your Troop, and invite your non-Scout friends to check out what Scouting is all about! (Movie DVD's and T-Shirts will be available for purchase.) This movie is 100% family friendly, guaranteed!

For more information contact Scott Grandstaff sj.grandstaff@comcast.net, or join the Facebook Page titled, "Scout Camp - The Movie Screening in Logansport, IN".

District 2 Eagles

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Anthony Westerhouse	226

The Takachsin Arrow



Lodge ChiefBrad Banter.....
 Lodge Advisor.....Mark Beattie markbeattie@hotmail.com
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Takachsin Lodge held its election of officers for 2011 at the Fall Fellowship. The following youth were elected to the following offices: Lodge Chief - Wes Beattie, Vice Chief of Inductions -Jarran Beaty, Lodge Secretary - Lewis Day, and Lodge Treasurer - Brad Banter. These youth members will be leading Takachsin Lodge in 2011.

The Lodge will be holding the Jack Frost Weekend and Winter Banquet at Camp Cary on January 8 - 9. The cost of the weekend event is \$30.00 including Banquet, or \$20.00 for just the Banquet. The Weekend event will begin at 12 noon on Saturday, January 8; the Banquet will begin at 2 pm on Sunday, January 9. The Jack Frost Weekend includes a winter biathlon, 2 man saw race, and Wii sports tournament. Anyone planning to attend the banquet needs to pre-register.

OA dues need to be paid at the beginning of 2011 and can be paid at any Lodge event or at the council office. All membership cards will be mailed out after the dues have been paid. Unit election forms will be mailed to the units after the first of the year and need to be returned to the council office by April 1, 2011.

Takachsin Lodge, Chapter 1, would like to welcome Adam Boget as their new advisor. This Chapter will meet during the District 1 Roundtables at Camp Buffalo. We would also like to welcome Takachsin Lodge, Chapter 4, new advisor Terry Beaty. This Chapter will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Jonesboro Community Building.

Help encourage the Arrowmen in your troop to attend their chapter's meetings. These meetings are a great time to discuss upcoming events, plan chapter activities, and a great way to get your O.A. troop representative involved.

Takachsin Lodge looks forward to serving scouting this coming year.

Upcoming Lodge Events

January 8 - 9
 Jack Frost Weekend
 (Saturday Noon -
 Sunday 2 pm)
 at Cary Camp
 \$30 Includes Banquet

January 9
 Lodge Executive
 Committee
 (10:00 am)
 at Cary Camp

January 9
 Winter Banquet
 (Sunday 2 pm)
 at Cary Camp; \$20

Chapter Representatives: Chapter 1 Advisor: Adam Boget; Chapter 1 Chief: Trevor Shelhart; Chapter 2 Advisor: Vacant; Chapter 2 Chief: Vacant; Chapter 3 Advisor: Jerry Day; Chapter 3 Chief: Matt Campbell; Chapter 4 Advisor: Terry Beaty; Chapter 4 Chief: Andrew Smelser; Chapter 5 Advisor: Don Harper; Chapter 5 Chief: Colton Pratt

Popcorn Prize Winners!

Congratulations to Conner Sill from pack 3371 in Lafayette for being our top sales person this year with \$4, 125 in popcorn sales this fall! He has won a Garman GPS! Also, Congratulations to our other winners. They are listed below.

Please contact the Hingst Scout Service Center 765-452-8253 to claim your prize. Congratulations to all of our Scouts who participated in this year's sale. Because of their efforts, their units have the money to do the activities they have planned for this year!

Troop	167	Colin Quigg	\$3,622
Pack	3237	Brooks Hensley	\$3,086
Troop	154	William (Tristan) Baxter	\$3,042
Pack	3219	Jason Lease	\$3,012
Pack	3371	Adam Bogue	\$2,923
Pack	3326	Jeremiah Lewis	\$2,760
Troop	348	Austin White	\$2,737
Troop	213	Caleb Sedam	\$2,729
Pack	3144	Matthew Miller	\$2,674
Pack	3566	Tyler McGuire	\$2,637
Pack	3230	Dawson Wood	\$2,623
Troop	429	Timothy Rensberger	\$2,604
Pack	3155	Blake Hensler	\$2,562
Pack	3409	Luke Kirk	\$2,561
Troop	335	Andrius Kriauciunas	\$2,550
Troop	581	Brayden Chou	\$2,526
Pack	3506	Connor Shane	\$2,521
Pack	3144	Connor Mills	\$2,520
Pack	3154	Joshua Demien	\$2,507
Pack	3155	Ryan Crews	\$2,504
Pack	3445	Luke Brewer	\$2,502
Pack	3566	Ben Long	\$2,490
Pack	3371	Conner Hayes	\$2,398
Troop	154	William Eckerle	\$2,261
Pack	3160	Zachary Curry	\$2,255
Pack	3167	Grant Manns	\$2,246
Pack	3450	Mason Roesner	\$2,226
Pack	3371	Robert Rattray	\$2,162
Pack	3144	Jonathan Nelms	\$2,058
Pack	3152	Keegan Doughty	\$2,054
Pack	3230	Tyler Thomas	\$2,012
Pack	3338	Kevin Schwecke	\$1,939
Pack	3200	William Murray	\$1,874
Troop	324	William Davis	\$1,849
Pack	3200	Zachary Sedam	\$1,825
Pack	3200	Gabe Lucy	\$1,822
Pack	3371	Kevin Rattray	\$1,817
Troop	157	Kyle Eenigenburg	\$1,806
Troop	581	Josh Jarrett	\$1,802
Pack	3450	Alex Sanson	\$1,751
Pack	3310	Cameron Crouch	\$1,746
Pack	3534	Jeffrey Pointer	\$1,697
Pack	3132	Collin Dulin	\$1,671
Pack	3498	Zachery Buck	\$1,644
Pack	3348	Erik Cederquist	\$1,614
Pack	3144	Caleb Johnston	\$1,595
Pack	3200	Daniel Coffing	\$1,590
Pack	3200	Wesley Grandstaff	\$1,589
Troop	508	Wen (Aaron Velte) Qiao	\$1,583
Troop	348	Christopher Miller	\$1,545

***Congratulations to all
Prize Winners!***

Philmont Adventures

High Adventure Expeditions

Philmont accepts arrivals for 12-day High Adventure Expeditions from early- June to mid-August. Reservations must be confirmed by submitting the Philmont Reservation Form with council approval and payment of reservation fees (\$100 per camper). Tentative reservation dates will only be honored for 30 days. Philmont expeditions are twelve days in length. Groups should plan to arrive before lunch on their arrival day(day 1) and depart after breakfast on the thirteenth day.

Age Requirements

Philmont can make no exceptions to the youth attendance requirements. 2011 Philmont participants must be 14 years of age or completed 8th grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.

Adult Leadership

The best available leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America, there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at Philmont, except that each co-ed crew must have co-ed adult advisors at least 21 years of age or older. Each adult must be a registered member of the BSA.

Each Philmont Expedition or Cavalcade crew must have at least two(2) qualified adult advisors, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because Philmont's objective is to serve youth, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants and no more than four(4) adult advisors over 21. Unregistered guests or family members are not permitted.

Fee Payment

The Philmont fee is charged for every participant, including adult advisors. A deposit of \$100.00 per participant is required to hold reservations and is due to Philmont with reservation form. Each group must pay for half of the balance of fees by October 1. The final payment is due March 1. ***ALL FEE PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE TO THE BALANCE OF YOUR ACCOUNT.*** Philmont must commit financial resources to employ staff, purchase food and supplies and prepare for summer operations. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

Make Your Reservations Today! For more information: Email: camping@philmontscout ranch.org or call 575-376-2281 or visit www.philmontscout ranch.org.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Sagamore Council's 2 crews for 2012 contact David Hall at 765-497-0999 or zzzdahall@aol.com.

2011 SUMMER CAMP RESERVATIONS

Campsite	Max #	June 19 - 25	June 26 - July 2	July 3 - July 9	July 10 - 16
Rain Crow *	35		433	335 (40)	
Chipmunk *	25		530 (10-15)		
Hickory	25	133 (5)			
Oaks	25	498 (25)			
Shadysides *	30	229 (20)	570	325 (12)	204 (10)
Pines *	30	213	203 (5) & 221 (15)		269 (16) Crossroads
Whispering Pines *	45	501 (16)	202/227 (20)	637 (35-40) Anthony Wayne	427 (12-15)
Pioneer *	35	581 (16)			
Trailblazer	15		144 (10)		
Red Pines	25	219 (10)	149 (12)		
Ivey	20	528 (10)	173 (20) Calumet		
Sionx	20				
Miami	20		158 (12)		
Ridgeview	15				
Raven	25				

Tecumseh

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District Information online

You can find most of the forms and flyers for upcoming Tecumseh District events at www.carycamp.com.

Roundtable

If you want to stay informed on District activities and learn new information that can help build your program, you or another leader from your Unit needs to be at Roundtable each month. Roundtables are held the second Thursday of each month at Cary Camp beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Popcorn Sale Results

Tecumseh District made its goal for the 2010 popcorn sale by selling over \$278,000 worth of popcorn. Congratulations go out to all of the Scouts and Units that participated in the sale this year. The Units in the Tecumseh District collectively earned over \$70,000 for their Unit treasuries from popcorn. This extra money can go a long way toward providing a great program for 2011 to the Scouts in our area.

Top 3 Packs in Sales	Top 3 Troops in Sales	Top Crew in Sales
3371 with \$29,678	335 with \$13,465	2372 with \$645
3338 with \$27,863	348 with \$10,290	
3348 with \$23,722	338 with \$7,789	
Top 3 Pack in Increased Sales	Top 3 Troops in Increased Sales	Top Crew in Increased Sales
3333 with 1653.03% Increase	310 with 202.56% Increase	2372 with
3322 with 1271.75% Increase	371 with 197.56% Increase	39.91% Increase
3326 with 233.73% Increase	324 with 84.79% Increase	

Scout Week

This year we celebrate the 101st anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Please encourage your Scouts to participate in Scout Sunday services held at the Church that charters their Pack, Troop, or Crew. If your unit is not chartered by a church, you can either encourage them to attend their own church in uniform or choose a church nearby and ask to participate with them.

Packs are encouraged to put up displays on bulletin boards or display cases at their church and/or school to show what their Pack does throughout the year. The 101st Birthday will be on Tuesday, February 8th. On this day each Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer and leader should proudly wear their uniform to school or work, if allowed. You may be surprised to find out who around you are Scouts.

2011 Klondike Derby

The Tecumseh District Klondike Derby will be held at Cary Camp on February 11-13, 2011. The cost per person is \$15.00 prior to February 4, 2011 and \$25.00 after. Saturday breakfast and lunch are included in the fee. Patrols will be planning and cooking their own lunches, which will be judges. Scoutmasters are encouraged to participate in a Chili Cook-off during lunch. Events will be Scout Skill based competitive activities.

District 3 Eagles

Brendan Quigley 348
 Jacob Spahn 348
 John Spykman 348

Calendar

JANUARY

- 3 New Year's Day (observed), Office Closed
- 6 District Committee Meeting
- 8-9 O.A. Jack Frost Weekend
- 9 O.A. Lodge Executive Committee - at Cary Camp
- 9 O.A. Winter Banquet
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 O.A. Chapter Meeting
- 15 Cary Properties Committee
- 17 M.L. King, Jr. Day, Office Closed
- 18 Council Executive Board
- 24-26 Council Staff Planning Conference
- 25 Eagle Boards of Review
- 26 FOS Leadership Reception

FEBRUARY

- 3 District Committee Meeting
- 5 District Pinewood Derby
- 5 Eagle Banquet
- 6 Scout Sunday
- 6 OA Lodge Executive Committee - Kokomo
- 8 101st Birthday of the Boy Scouts of America
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 O.A. Chapter Meeting
- 19 Cary Properties
- 21 President's Day, Office Closed
- 21 Council Executive Board
- 22 Eagle Boards of Review
- 26 Wood Badge Rendezvous

Family Friends of Scouting

If you have not signed up for your annual Friends of Scouting presentation, please contact Frank Cederquist. We would like to hold all of the presentations before the end of March, so we can focus on program and membership for the rest of the year. This year our Family Friends of Scouting goal is \$28,500. Every dollar counts and every family should be given the opportunity to decide to contribute through a family presentation.

Meshingomesia

Serving Wabash, Blackford and Grant Counties

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 District Executive.....Stephen Nash.....snash@sagamorebsa.org..... 765-661-4078

Welcome to the 100th year of Scouting! Look for exciting events and themes throughout this year.

Calendar

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year
- 3 Office Closed, New Year Holiday
- 13 Roundtable at 7 pm Marion First United Methodist Church - Foundry Building
- 27 District Committee Meeting at 7 pm Marion First United Methodist Church - Foundry Building

FEBRUARY

- 5 Eagle Banquet at Camp Buffalo, noon start
- 6 Lincoln Pilgrimage, 1 pm start at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana
- 10 Roundtable at 7 pm Marion First United Methodist Church - Foundry Building
- 24 District Committee Meeting at 7 pm Marion First United Methodist Church - Foundry Building

Upcoming Activities:

EAGLE SCOUTS

If you earned your Eagle Rank in 2010 you are invited to a Recognition Dinner.

February 5, 2011 at Camp Buffalo - Noon Lunch

Please remember to RSVP by January 28, 2011.

If you are interested in sponsoring an Eagle Scout, please contact the Scout office.

Meshingomesia Training Corner

Adult Leaders, now that re-chartering is complete please remember to encourage new leaders to go online and start their training. All the information is available at www.scouting.org. To sign in all they need is a valid email address.

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

FEBRUARY 6, 2011

1:00 PM

Please join us in Wabash, Indiana for the 71st Lincoln Pilgrimage. Featuring a midway with Rope Making, Leather Working, Wreath Medallion making and interaction with Civil War reenactors. There will also be a talk by Mary Todd Lincoln. Take the Lincoln Quiz and learn about President Lincoln. Take a picture with President Lincoln. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon in Wabash, Indiana. Pre-register by January 28th and only pay \$4.50. Registration at the door will be \$5.

Arrowhead

Serving Howard, Miami and Southern Carroll Counties

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 District Executive.....Nick Losekamp.....nlosekamp@sagamorebsa.org

Calendar

JANUARY

- 3 Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
- 8-9 Jack Frost Weekend (OA Winter Fellowship)
- 12 Arrowhead Roundtable at 7:30
- 14-16 Klondike
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)
- 24-26 Council Staff Planning Conference
(Nick will be unavailable these days)
- 31 Arrowhead District Committee Meeting at 6:30

FEBRUARY

- 6 Lincoln Pilgrimage/Scout Sunday
- 8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BSA 101 Years!
- 9 Arrowhead Roundtable at 7:30
- 14 Presidents Day (Office Closed)
- 28 Arrowhead District Committee Meeting at 6:30

District 5 Eagles

John Deckinga	506
Kevin Huemmer	508
Blake Touloukian	501
Samuel Stewart	519

Schedule FOS this Month!

Please be sure to schedule your Friends of Scouting presentation this month. We need to hold all the presentations by your Blue and Gold or your best attended court of honor. To continue receiving the level of service you do from the Council, we need to have a more successful FOS year than ever before. Call Nicholas Losekamp at 452-8253, or send an email to nlosekamp@sagamorebsa.org with the date of your Pack's Blue & Gold banquet or your Troop's Court of Honor.

2011 Winter Klondike

The 2011 Winter Klondike will be held at Mississinewa Reservoir Campground on January 14, 15, and 16th. The event will be hosted by chapters 4 and 5 of the Order of the Arrow. The cost will be \$10.00 per Scout and registration will start at 7:00 pm on Friday night. They will also have a registration Saturday morning from 8-9:00 am.

Some of the events offered include: a Scavenger Hunt, First Aid Relay (Bring your own supplies), Fire Building (bring your own supplies, no petroleum products or cotton balls), Ice Cube Relay, Radioactive Isotope, and a 4 man ski race (bring your own 4 man skis). We will also have the sled race again this year. For this year's race you'll need to pull one of your Scouts on the sled throughout the course, while racing against all the other Scout groups in a mad dash for victory! Scouts should bring supplies and water as no water is available at the Campground in winter. There is water at the ranger check in outside facet, but it's a long way from camp.

Journey to Excellence in 2011

In 2011, the national council will be unveiling a new way of evaluating: units, districts, and councils. This program is called The Journey to Excellence, and will give us clear cut goals in the areas that are important to the growth of the Scouting movement. This program will replace the Centennial Quality Unit Program and is designed to balance growth, stainability, and quality programming for our youth. The key areas that units will be assessed includes: Advancement, Outdoor Activities, Service Projects, Training, Membership, Retention, Leadership, and Budgeting. In each area, the unit's performance against specific standards: Gold, Silver, Bronze or "did not meet minimum standard" It also takes into account a unit that shows improvement. The assessment is made as part of the charter renewal at the end of next year. The goal is for continuous improvement so if you already do a good job, or if you improved in one of these areas you will still qualify. Achieving objectives at each level will earn you a certain amount of points. For example:

- Advancement – Increase the percentage of Cub Scouts earning rank advancements.
- Bronze – Have 55% of Cub Scouts advance one rank OR have a 2 percentage points increase – 100 points
- Silver – Have 75% of Cub Scouts advance OR 55% advance, and have a 2 percentage points increase. - 200 points
- Gold – Have 90% of Cub Scouts advance, or 75% and have a 2 percentage points increase. – 400 points

You will have to achieve so many points to achieve certain levels and a minimum number of Bronze requirements must be met in order to achieve the award. We will be tracking our progress on these awards throughout the year. This will help us provide better service to you throughout the year and gives you a clear set of goals for your unit to work on. If you have any questions on this program you can visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx> to find the requirements, webinars, Frequently asked questions.

COUNCIL CALENDAR

January

- 3 Office Closed for New Years Holiday
- 3 Advancement Committee
- 8-9 OA Jack Frost Weekend
- 9 OA Winter Banquet
- 10 Harlem Globetrotters Performance Kokomo
- 10 Finance Committee
- 15 Cary Property Committee
- 17 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17 Executive Board
- 20 Buffalo Property Committee
- 24-26 Council Staff Planning Conference

February

- 5 Eagle Banquet
- 6 Lincoln Pilgrimage
- 8 101st Birthday of Boy Scouts of America
- 12 Scout Sunday
- 14 Finance Committee
- 16 Training Committee
- 17 Buffalo Property Committee
- 19 Cary Property Committee
- 21 Office Closed - President's Day
- 21 Executive Committee
- 26 Woodbadge Rendezvous

TRAINING CORNER

A big thank you to all the Scouters and Professionals that made this year's University of Scouting a huge success. The record was shattered with 147 attendees, 74 different classes, a new degree program, and 121 training cards issued during the day. Mark your calendar for November 5, 2011, for a bigger and better event.

Boy Scout Specifics
 May 14, 2011 – TBD
 Each week of summer camp – Camp Buffalo
 Contact: Stu Sullivan at stuart.sullivan@zimmer.com

Venture Leader Training
 November 5, 2011 - UOS
 Contact: Dale Landis at dlandis@rtcol.com

Outdoor Leaders Skills
 April 8-10, 2011 – Peru
 July 22-23, 2011 – Camp Buffalo
 September 23-25, 2011 – Camp Buffalo
 Contact: Gary Stanley at garystanley@verizon.com

University of Scouting
 November 5, 2011 – Pioneer HS
 Contact: Dale Landis at dlandis@rtcol.com

Wood Badge Training
 April 29-May 1 2011 & May 20-22
 Cape Tope (LaSalle Council – Michigan City)
 Contact: LaSalle Council web page

NYLT
 Date TBD

Training Committee Meeting
 February 16, 2011 – Location TBD
 Contact: Dale Landis at dlandis@rtcol.com

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 Edward & Barbara Caldwell
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As of Jan. 3, 2011, Sagamore Council will no longer be able to provide the merit and rank advancement pocket certificates free of charge with purchase of the rank badges, pins, or belt loops. We will be charging .08 per card, which is Sagamore Council's cost. All other pocket cards will remain at .12 per card.