



Signals

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Ed Caldwell Accepts New Scout Executive Position with Erie Shores Council in Toledo, Ohio

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

I cannot believe I have been serving as your Scout Executive in Sagamore Council for six and a half years. It feels like I arrived in Kokomo with my family yesterday; Weston was two and Lauren was four. They are now eight and ten. Wow, how time flies! Sagamore Council has been a special place in our hearts. Scouting has also changed and grown; our two camps have seen many positive changes in construction of new buildings and Scout usage. You all should be very proud of that.

You Helped Make That Happen for our Scouts!

Thank you for all you do, have done, and continue to do to help boys develop into men. You take young men, and with guidance, care, and encouragement, you help them develop and grow through fun programs that you deliver. Boys in Scouting, as you know, have a better chance at success than their peers who are not in Scouting.

Scouts graduate from high school and college at a higher rate. They earn more money to support their families. They participate as volunteers in their communities at a higher rate, and that makes a difference. They are better prepared to become good citizens, husbands, and fathers. You make that happen through Scouting! Thank you!

Sagamore Council is a special place; don't you ever forget it.

I know many of our paths will cross again; I look forward to that. I will see you around the campfire or maybe at the Summit for the National Jamboree in 2013.

In Scouting,

Ed Caldwell
Scout Executive



Submit 2012 Silver Beaver Award Nominations!

It is that time again! You may nominate Scouters from your area for the 2012 Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Awards will be presented at Sagamore Council's upcoming Annual Council Dinner / Business Meeting in May. The Nomination Form may be accessed from the forms page of the council website, www.sagamoresignals.com.

Instructions are included on the form. Nomination forms must be received by Sagamore Council no later than March 23, 2012, to be considered for nomination.

72nd Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Honeywell Memorial Community Center, Wabash, Indiana February 12, 2012 at 1:00 PM

\$4.50 if registered by January 28, 2012, \$5.00 after January 28th

[Access details in council calendar \(February 2012\)](#)
[via www.sagamoresignals.com website, link to calendar.](#)

Multi-faceted hands on activities consisting of an Abraham Lincoln quiz, wreath medallion making, leather working and rope making. Patches guaranteed to the first 200 registered Scouts and Scouters. Phone in your reservations to Tom Chekouras 260-563-7065 or Mike Hopkins 574-753-5706.

Council Notes

Announcements and schedules for all of Sagamore Council

COUNCIL CALENDAR

February

- 4 Eagle Banquet - Cary Camp
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 5 OA Lodge Executive Committee
- 8 102nd Birthday of Boy Scouts of America
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 13 Finance Committee
- 16 Buffalo Property Committee
- 18 Cary Property Committee
- 20 Executive Committee
- 20 Office Closed - Presidents' Day
- 23 Conference Call Risk Management
- 25 Wood Badge Rendezvous

March 2012

- 12 Finance Committee
- 17 Scouting for Food
- 17 Cary Property Committee
- 19 Executive Board
- 24 Scouting for Food
- 26 Commissioners Cabinet
- 31 Scouting for Food

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Instructors Course

March 17, 2012, at 10 AM Sharp
Camp Buffalo Indoor Ranges
Fee: \$5.00

Bring sack lunch, water bottle & dress for the weather; Class B uniform. Contact the Council Service Center to register. 1-800-844-0537 or 765-452-8253. Registration deadline is March 9, 2012, (first 20 applicants). Certification is valid for 2 years. Training cards will be distributed for completion. Approx. length for each course (BB Gun and Archery) is 4 hours or 8 hours for both classes.

Adult Age Requirements for Instructors:
BB Gun Instructors - Must be 21 years or older
Archery Instructors - Must be 18 years or older

TRAINING CORNER

The Training Committee welcomes its new professional advisor - Matt Bender and bids our Council Executive - Ed Caldwell - a fond farewell and our sincere thanks for of all his support. Training in the Council is stronger because of his emphasis.

Wood Badge, slated for April and May, is filling fast. Your registration form and a check guarantees your seat in this outstanding course. Contact Randy Rusch at randy@rusch.me for additional information.

Boy Scout Specifics - May 5, 2012

Camp Buffalo
Each week of summer camp
Contact: Stu Sullivan at stuart.sullivan@zimmer.com

Outdoor Skills - April 20-22, 2012 – Camp Buffalo

August 3-5, 2012 – Camp Buffalo
Contact: Dale Landis at landisd@att.net

Wood Badge - April 27-29 & May 18-20, 2012 – Camp Buffalo

Contact: Randy Rusch at randy@rusch.me

National Youth Leadership Training

June 10-15, 2012 - Camp Buffalo
Contact: Rob McKinney at mckinneyrob@hotmail.com

Venture Leader Training - November 3, 2012 – Pioneer HS

Contact: Dale Landis at landisd@att.net

University of Scouting - November 3, 2012 – Pioneer HS

Contact: Dale Landis at landisd@att.net

Commissioner Training - November 3, 2012 – Pioneer HS

Contact: Vicki Triplett at vltrip@pwrwc.com

Camp Master's Training - November 3, 2012 – Pioneer HS

Contact: Chas Triplett at ctriplett@bsaemail.org

Training Committee Meeting - February 15, 2012 (7 pm)

Calvary Presbyterian (Logansport)
Contact: Dale Landis at landisd@att.net



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Sagamore Council Trading Post Information

Check out the Trading Post for all your Pinewood Derby needs! We charge no sales tax, and we can send items to you with minimal shipping charges. Sagamore Council (Kokomo location) Trading Post Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm. Trading posts at our camps are open by appointment. Contact Cary Camp (Lafayette) at 765-447-1990. Contact Camp Buffalo (Monticello) at 574-278-7114.



Council Website: www.sagamosignals.com
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North Star

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NORTH STAR DISTRICT OUTSTANDING UNIT LEADER AWARD 2012

At the District Dinner 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. We will let you know if we 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 e-mail me information at hershey@embarqmail.com. (If not e-mailing, please print and mail to Council Service Center).

LOCK-IN 2011 Local Native American Cultures Friday, March 9, 2012 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 this year's annual Lock-In. For detailed information on the Lock-In contact Rob McKinney at 574-870-4715.

Sagamore Council Bowlathon

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



North Star District Eagles

Mark Blaney	Troop 149
David Sholey	Troop 167
Joshua Staker	Troop 501

Please Note: North Star District contacts for approval of Eagle projects and setting up Eagle Boards of Review are:

Jasper & Newton Counties:
 Russ Wiseman 219-866-5580

Cass, Fulton & Pulaski Counties:
 Dan Murphy 574-946-6291

Miami County:
 Nick Pate 765-438-0716

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 2012 calendar.

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?**

IN MEMORY OF ...

Arthur L. Anderson

FROM...

Georgia Dillaplain
 Cathy & Larry Lauterhahn
 Pack 3161
 Adam Rusch
 Andrew Rusch
 Peter Rusch
 Randy & Mary Rusch
 Michael Sublette

IN MEMORY OF ...

Robert Gray

FROM...

Patricia Baugh	Orville Hampton
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bauman	Harry Potter
Donald Bloodgood	Phil & Barbara Puterbaugh
James Carson	Bob & Linda Sorensen
Floyd H & Patricia Garrott	Wilma Steckel

IN MEMORY OF ...

Sidney Sorensen

FROM...

Barb & Ed Caldwell

2012 Webelos Adventure Camp

If you are looking for an adventure for your incoming first and second year Webelos, look no further than Cary Camp in the summer of 2012. Webelos Adventure Camp is an opportunity for Webelos to experience a camp environment that is focused on giving them a tailored camping experience that will get them ready for a week at Boy Scout Camp once they have crossed over.

Webelos Adventure Camp has only four activities that are programmed for each Webelos to experience. These activities are held in the two middle mornings of camp. The four activities are climbing, canoeing, wood craft, and Trailblazer Program. Webelos get the opportunity to climb "Mt. Puff" which is a 24 ft. inflatable climbing tower. Webelos will also get the opportunity of canoeing on the Fairfield lakes. Each Cub Scout attending camp will complete a wood project.

The Sagamore Council Trailblazer program for Webelos is aimed at helping the Webelos get a head start on their next rank. Webelos completing all of the requirements for their level will receive a Bear Claw or Eagle Claw in a ceremony at the closing campfire. The Trailblazer program not only helps first year Webelos with their Webelos Rank but encourages them to return to Cary Camp to earn their second claw.

The afternoons of Webelos Adventure Camp are reserved for what the Webelos want to do. Between lunch and dinner, the pool and both ranges are open. The craft area is available to complete their wood project, or select a new project from the Newell Shelter Trading Post and use the camp tools to start or complete their new project. The Trailblazer staff offer activity badges and demonstrations near the Tee pee. Webelos dens can also take a hike or challenge another den in a friendly game of Human Foosball.

Each day is ended with a campfire! The first night is the opening campfire put on by the staff. The second evening is a relaxing campfire in your campsite to get to know each other better and the Webelos from other areas. The final campfire is for the Webelos to perform. This campfire is also where the Trailblazer ceremony takes place with Webelos who have completed the project receiving their claws. Parents are encouraged to visit the final campfire if they are able.

Leader's Guide, promotion flyers, and registration forms can be downloaded from www.sagamoresignals.com/forms

The Webelos Adventure Awaits!

The Takachsin Arrow



Lodge ChiefCaleb Sedam.....
Lodge Advisor.....Mark Beattie markbeattie@hotmail.com
Staff AdvisorNick Losekamp..... nicholas.loselamp@scouting.org

Takachsin Lodge held its annual Lodge Leadership Development and Winter Banquet January 7- 8th at Cary Camp. Several Lodge and Chapter Officers and Advisors attended the educational and informative sessions at the LLD. Topics included from communication, goal setting, event planning, and ceremonies. Thank you to all the trainers who made LLD possible.

Lodge members as well as Section Officers, Advisors, and members from other Lodges enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Winter Banquet. Andrew Smelser and Randy Helder were presented the Lodges Francis Lee Award for their service to the Lodge and Council over the past year. Mark Beattie and Kenny Helder were presented with Founder's Award, a National Award given at the Lodge level to recognize individuals who best exemplify the purpose of the Order of the Arrow and its founders E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. If you see these individuals, please congratulate them. The Lodge also swore in its new Officers for 2012. Caleb Sedam is the new Lodge Chief, Andrew Smelser is Vice-Chief of Program, and Lucas Bowman is Vice- Chief of Inductions. Wes Beattie passed the Chief's Bonnet to the new Chief to close the program.

North Chapter Meeting @ North Star District Roundtable - Camp Buffalo 7 PM
Advisors: Craig Quigg, quiggy381@yahoo.com & Jeff Sedam, SedamJD@aol.com

Wabash Valley Chapter /Wabash Valley District Meeting @ District Roundtable - Cary Camp 7PM; Advisor: Jerry Day, jday@purdue.edu

Mississinewa Chapter / Peshewa District Meeting @ Wood Carvers Assoc., Converse, Indiana; First Wednesdays of the Month 7 PM
Advisors: Don Harper, donharper@att.net & Terry Beaty, terrybeaty1@msn.com

Upcoming Lodge Events

February 5	Lodge Executive Committee 2:00 PM at Kokomo Scout Office
February 12	Lincoln Pilgrimage 1:00 PM Honeywell Center, Wabash
March 4	Lodge Executive Committee 2:00 PM at Kokomo Scout Office
April 20-22	Section Conclave Camp Drake Fairmount, IL Register online at: www.oasectionc6a.org

Wabash Valley

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District Chairman.....Frank Cederquist.....fcederquist@aol.com
 Lew Graham.....District Commissioner.....lewisgraham@comcast.net
 District Director.....Mike Seiber.....mikeseiber@scouting.org

Calendar

(All Times are Eastern Standard Time)

February 2012

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 4 Eagle Banquet
- 4 District Leadership Retreat, Cary Camp
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 5 OA Lodge Exec. Committee Meeting
- 8 102nd Birthday of Boy Scouts of America
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 O.A. Chapter Meeting
- 10-12 Klondike Derby
- 18 Cary Properties Committee
- 20 Council Executive Committee
- 20 President's Day, Office Closed
- 28 Eagle Boards of Review

March 2012

- 1 District Committee Meeting
- 4 O.A. Lodge Leadership Executive Comm Mtg.
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 O.A. Chapter Meeting
- 17 Cary Properties Committee
- 19 Council Executive Board
- 27 Eagle Board

(Year at a Glance Calendar is available at the Wabash Valley District page of Sagamoresignals.com)

District Committee Meetings

The District Committee will meet on February 2, 2012, at St James Lutheran Church and the corner of 9th and Cincinnati, at 7:00. This is a busy time for our District, so all District leaders need to plan to attend.

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. The February roundtable will be held at Cary Camp on February 9, 2012. The roundtable begins with a general meeting at 7:00 and then will split into Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturer leader sections. The Order of the Arrow will also hold their Chapter meeting at Cary Camp that night.

Friends of Scouting

Most Packs have scheduled their presentations for Family Friends of Scouting. If you have not scheduled your presentation, please get the date, time and location to Frank Cederquist 765-589-8984, or fcederquist@aol.com, as soon as possible.

Klondike Derby

The 2012 Klondike Derby is open to all Boy Scout Patrols and Venturing Crews to attend and show their knowledge of winter skills in a competitive event. The Klondike will be held at Cary Camp, February 10-12, 2012. The Fee for the Klondike is \$25.00 per Scout and \$15.00 per leader with a \$10.00 per person discount if paid by February 3rd. Every person is asked to bring a can of soup (no "Cream of" soups please). Patrols and Crews will be competing for "Gold Nuggets" during Saturday's events, and they can earn extra "Gold" for spending one or both nights at Cary Camp. Klondike is meant to be an event to test the skills and leadership of Patrols and Crews and will have nuggets deducted for coaching/helping of adult leaders. For more information, contact Kristi Stroud, 765-494-6350 or kstroud@purdue.edu.

District Leadership Retreat

The First Wabash Valley District Leadership Retreat will be held on February 4, 2012, from 2:00 to 6:00 at Cary Camp. The Leadership Retreat is a time for the District Leadership to come together to evaluate the District's program and set the 2012-2013 Program Calendar. All District Members and Commissioners are encouraged to attend. After the meeting those not in a rush to get home are invited out for a non-hosted dinner. The District Leadership Retreat is open to all Scouters and parents in the Wabash Valley District.

Scout Sunday and Scout Week

This year we will be celebrating the 102nd birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Every Scout and Leader should be encouraged to attend either their church or with their Pack or Troop to a local Church when they celebrate Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath. Packs are encouraged to put up a display at their elementary school to show all of the students and parents what their Pack does throughout the year. All Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to wear their Scout uniform on February 8, 2012, to help celebrate the Anniversary.

Spring Field Day and District Pinewood Derby

This year the Wabash Valley District will hold a spring field day for Cub Scouts and Webelos. The Spring Field Day will be held at Cary Camp on April 14-15, 2012. The District Pinewood Derby finals will be held on April 14th at the Field Day in McAllister Hall at Cary Camp. Please pass this date on to your families so they can take advantage of this fun day at Cary Camp.

Wabash Valley District Eagles

David Berg	Troop 325
Elden Brooks	Crew 2391
Russel Choules	Crew 1391
Nicholas Cinatl	Troop 348
Thomas McFadden	Troop 335
David Miller	Troop 303
Alexander Peterson	Troop 324
Stephen Riffert	Troop 338
Jared Routsong	Team 2391
James Taylor, Jr.	Troop 310

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMPING

For specific date, locations, and fees go to www.sagamoresignals.com

Cary Adventure Camp

Let your families know that there is a summer oasis in the middle of North Central Indiana. Where might this oasis be you might be wondering? Cary Camp is the place to be this summer for fun and excitement for you and your Cub Scout or Webelos. Cary Camp offers fun activities and challenging adventures for all.

For Cub Scout families we offer a time to work one on one with projects and activities. Parents are there when their sons conquer the bouldering wall and shoot a bull's eye in the archery and BB gun ranges. All of your meals are cooked and served in air conditioned comfort. Feel the exhilaration of waking up to the sounds of nature all around you.

Webelos get to join or advance in the ranks of Trailblazer. During the Trailblazer program they will learn what it takes to be a Boy Scout and work on their Webelos or Arrow of Light badge. The afternoon features an open program that allows Webelos and their buddy or den to participate in most of the program area at Cary Camp. There will also be special activities such as Webelos Activity Badge instruction, outdoor cooking demonstrations, and everyone's favorite – open swim. Webelos will also have the opportunity to cook or prepare their lunches in their camp sites.

What is camp without a campfire? The Staff will welcome you to camp on the first night with a fast paced drama and comedy filled opening campfire. Webelos stay in their campsites on the middle night to get to know the other campers staying in the same site. This is a great opportunity to share cobbler or S'mores with others. On the last night of camp the campers get their chance to entertain the staff and their fellow campers. Parents are welcome to attend the final campfire of Webelos Camp to watch their sons perform and watch the Trailblazer ceremony as their sons receive their claws.

Cub Scout Day Camps

The Sagamore Council will offer five Day Camps for 2012. This means there will be one close to you. This year the Cub Scouts and their guides will be going back in time to a simpler time as they participate in "Cubs of the Round Table". Each camp will be planned to give your Cub Scouts a chance to glimpse into the life of medieval times. Each camp is run by a volunteer staff of dedicated Scouters.

The programs contain various activities that might include the following depending on location: crafts, archery, BB gun shooting, sports, physical fitness, swimming and other fun activities. Because each camp is planned and run by local volunteers, each camp is different and unique but still has that Cub Scout Spirit that leads to a great experience for your boys. Each camp is either four or five days and ends with a meaningful closing program. Day camp exposes Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos to a fun way of looking at the past.

Camperships

The Sagamore Council offers Camperships sponsored by donations from service clubs, foundations, and individuals givers. Camperships are for Scouts needing a little assistance getting them to camp. The Sagamore Council is committed to making our camps available to all Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts. Campership forms are available on line and must be returned to the Sagamore Council office by April 30, 2012.

Camp Promotion

Each District has volunteers ready to come to your Pack meeting to talk to your parents and boys about the 2012 Cub Scout Summer camping programs offered by the Sagamore Council. The presentation takes less than 15 minutes and could change the life of one of your Scouts. It has been found that if we can get a boy to camp, there is a greater chance of keeping that boy in the program longer. Talk to your District Executive to set up a date for your presentation.

Webelos-To-Scout Planning Steps:

FEBRUARY

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| 1. Hold the bridging ceremony at the blue and gold banquet. | SM, CM, SPL, TMC |
| 2. Get new Scouts actively involved with the troop activities. | TMC, SM, CM |
| 3. Recruit parents of new Scouts to become assistant Scoutmasters or troop committee members. | TCC, SM |

Webelos-To-Scout Planning Steps:

MARCH

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| 1. Plan a troop activity for new Scouts to get them involved with their new troop. | PLC, SM, TMC, TG |
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Key

CM	Cubmaster
PLC	Patrol Leaders' Council
SM	Scoutmaster
SPL	Senior Patrol Leader
TCC	Troop Committee Chair
TG	Troop Guide
TMC	Troop Membership Chair
WDL	Webelos Den Leader

Peshewa

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 District DirectorMatt Bender.....matt.bender@scouting.org
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Calendar

February

- 1 OA Meeting 7:00 in Converse
- 4 Eagle Banquet
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 8 Roundtable 7:00 pm Happy Birthday BSA!
- 20 Office Closed - Presidents Day
- 22 Peshewa Committee/Commissioner Meeting

March

- 7 OA Meeting 7:00 in Converse
- 14 Roundtable 7:00
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 28 District Committee Meeting



Schedule FOS this month!

Please be sure to schedule your Friends of Scouting presentation this month. We need to hold the presentations at your Blue and Gold or next big 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 Matt Bender at 452-8253, or send an e-mail to matt.bender@scouting.org with the date of your Pack's Blue & Gold banquet or your Troop's first quarter Court of Honor. If you are not having a Court of Honor, please schedule for a time when many of your families will be in attendance. Remember that Friends of Scouting is an integral part of keeping the costs of camps and events affordable for our Scouts.

District Award Nominations

Don't forget to nominate your Pack's or Troop's best leaders for Roy McClain Award (Outstanding Scout Leader), Wilbur Hudson Award (Outstanding Eagle Scout), or the District Award of Merit (Outstanding District Volunteer). Good leaders deserve to be recognized and every year, we have leaders miss out because nobody nominates them. Let's change that trend this year. Nominations are due to the Scout Service Center by April 5th. The information packet is available at roundtable, and can also be downloaded from the forms page of www.sagamoresignals.com.

Peshewa District Eagles

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| Eliot Banaszak | Troop 508 |
| Lucas Bowman | Troop 530 |
| Matthew McKinney | Troop 519 |
| Andrew Pemberton | Troop 581 |
| James Schulte | Troop 523 |

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. 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 information.

Don't forget that Scouting for Food counts towards service hours for Good Turn for America

2012 Scouting for Food Unit Commitment Form

Scout Units: Please submit this form to your District Scouting for Food Chair or Activity and Civic Service chair by Feb. 28 to help coordinate your district's efforts to help those in need.

You have a choice of dates below: Drop off bags the first Saturday and pick up the following Saturday.

Mar. 10 / Mar. 17 Mar. 17 / Mar. 24 Mar. 24 / Mar. 31

Units: Contact your local food pantry to make arrangements. In larger communities this may be done for you.

District: _____ Pack/Troop/Crew # _____

Unit Contact: _____ Phone # _____

E-mail: _____

Anticipated # of adults: _____ Anticipated # of Scouts: _____

Number of bags requested to assist in collection: _____

Location of where you plan to collect your food: _____

2012 Scouting for Food Event Summary & Patch Order Form

Scout Units: Please submit this form to your District Scouting for Food Chair at your district turn in location or e-mail 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 # _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of Scouts: _____

Location of where you dropped your food off: _____

PHILMONT 2013 OPPORTUNITY

The Sagamore Council has been allocated a Council Trek opportunity at Philmont for 2013. The trek will consist of two individual crews of up to 12 members in each crew. The crews will be scheduled to arrive at Philmont on July 13, 2013 and depart Philmont on July 25, 2013. A full crew may not have more than four adults over the age of 19. Any Troops or Crews that may have an interest in this opportunity should contact David Hall at zzzdahall@aol.com or 765/427-2486. We will be putting a priority on allocating the spots to units that can provide both crew and overall Trek leadership and that are prepared to put down \$100 per person deposits by March 15, 2012. All participants must be registered with the Council and able to meet the Philmont physical requirements. Based on recent trips, the total cost of the trip should run about \$1250 per person. This includes the Philmont fee of \$770 plus transportation (train) and some incidental expenses. For in-depth information on what Philmont treks involve, visit their web site at www.philmontscouttranch.org.

Sagamore Council Merit Badge Counselor Registration

Merit Badge Counselors and unit leaders, the Council Advancement Committee is trying to get an accurate count of the merit badge counselors in our council. The new national advancement policy guidelines state that all merit badge counselors must be approved by the council advancement committee. The purpose of this guideline is to ensure that a common standard is met for merit badge counselors in a council. If you have taught a merit badge for your troop, but have not filled out a merit badge counselor application for that badge, then the badge is technically invalid. To correct this we are asking individuals who have taught or may teach a merit badge to fill out a Merit Badge Counselor Application form accessible via the forms page of www.sagamoresignals.com and send it to Sagamore Council, P.O. Box 865 Kokomo, IN 46902.

If you have any questions please contact Nick Losekamp, staff advisor to the Council Advancement Committee, at 765-452-8253.



Boy Scouts of America MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION



(Please type or print.)

Name _____ Age _____ Business phone (____) _____

Address _____ Home phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be able to work with Scout-age boys.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

As a merit badge counselor, I agree to

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no Deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Have a Scout and his buddy present at all instructional sessions.
- Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

List Merit Badge Subjects:	Vocation <small>Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief information on the reverse side.</small>	Avocation <small>Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements? If yes, give brief information on the reverse side.</small>	Special training <small>If not, do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief info. on the reverse side.</small>
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

CHECK ONE I wish to work only with unit # _____ I wish to work with all units

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: The BSA Adult Registration Application must be attached.

Council approval by _____ Date _____