



Signals

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Three Districts, One Council, One Team = All for the 5,200 Youth We Serve

We have many recent successes to be proud of. **Membership growth in 2009 was 1.2%, and in 2010 it was 1%.** Your council has also completed significant improvements in your camping facilities to serve you and your Scouts. **Capital improvements completed include:**

Camp Buffalo

New Shop
Handicraft / Trading Post Remodeled
New Dining Hall
Multipurpose Building Remodeled
New Shooting Range Latrine
New Pavilions (3)

Pond Expansion
New Indoor Shooting Range
Repainted Pool
1200 Tons of Gravel
for Camp Roads

Cary Camp

New Dining Hall
New Training Center
New Health Lodge / Trading Post
New Campsite Shelters (4)
New BB Gun Range
Gravel / Grading Entrance to Camp

Combined total improvements have an insured value of \$4,571,674. These improvements have contributed to increased usage of your camps. Camper Days (total visits by individuals to one of your camps) have increased from 28,873 to 35,592 over the past 5 years. This is worth celebrating! A challenge we face, however, is the increase in utility expenses (electricity, heat and gas) to run the improved camp facilities. In 2006 the cost of utilities for your camps was \$69,602, and in 2011 it has been \$97,493. Last year the combined cost of the camping operation to the council budget exceeded the camp revenue by \$83,000. The good news is, just six short years ago it was a shortfall of \$112,000. Some may ask why we do all that we do at your camps despite these financial challenges. The answer is simple...**Camp is the heart and soul of Scouting. Without outing, we don't have Scouting.**

Below are key operating expenses and revenues today compared to 5 years ago:

Income for the Council – Net dollars

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Then</u>	<u>Difference</u>
FOS	\$295,000	\$271,256	+ \$23,744
Popcorn	\$252,000	\$337,298	- \$85,298
United Way	\$192,177	\$242,869	- \$50,692
Camping Revenue	\$271,000	\$191,159	+ \$79,841

Expenses:

Payroll & Benefits	\$854,580	\$902,050	- \$47,470
Council Vehicles Gasoline	\$ 66,071	\$ 48,990	+ \$17,081
Postage/Shipping	\$ 13,655	\$ 22,164	- \$ 8,509
Camperships	\$ 15,085	\$ 3,700	+ \$11,385

Team Work

Your council, like all other councils, must generate operating dollars to employ a field staff and support staff to provide support to all volunteers and families in order to serve your youth. We all need to work together as one team to thrive as a council so that continued improvements to your facilities can be provided to all Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews. Your unit is a vital part of this team. In order for your local Boy Scout council to thrive and provide continued improvements in facilities and service, your Pack, Troop, Team or Crew must participate in the annual popcorn sale and participate in a Family Friends of Scouting presentation. As you can see, popcorn is extremely important to your future! **Popcorn sales are a key to your future success to survive and serve youth.** Both Popcorn & Family Friends of Scouting are a must. We need your help for the continued success of Scouting.

In January, February and March members of your Council Staff and Executive Board will be hosting six town hall meetings in the council territory. Your attendance and input at one of these meetings along with your fellow volunteers and families is vitally important to keep Sagamore Council viable and strong for the future. Dates, times and locations will be announced. Thank you for all you do to help your children develop into adults in Scouting.

Gary Lehman
Council President

Vicki Triplett
Council Commissioner

Ed Caldwell
Scout Executive

Council Notes

Announcements and schedules for all of Sagamore Council

COUNCIL CALENDAR

January 2012

- 2 Happy New Year! (Office & Camps Closed)
- 7 OA Winter Event
- 9 Finance Committee
- 13-15 Klondike - Camp Buffalo
- 16 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 16 Executive Board
- 18-20 Staff Planning Conference
- 23 Advancement Committee
- 23 Commissioners Cabinet

February

- 4 Eagle Banquet - Cary Camp
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 10-12 Klondike - Cary Camp
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 13 Finance Committee
- 16 Buffalo Property Committee
- 20 Executive Committee
- 20 Office Closed Presidents' Day

New Scout Sunday Patch Available Through NAUMS

The National Association of United Methodist Scouting has approved a patch design for Scouting Ministry Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012. The profits from the sale of this patch will go to the NAUMS Bible Fund, which provides back-pack-sized New Testaments at Philmont Scout Ranch and Northern Tier Canoe Base.

The purchase price of each patch funds the distribution of one New Testament to a Scout trekker or paddler. The patch is ready for pre-order now, with delivery expected shortly after the first of the new year.

Cost is \$3 per patch (50 or more cost is \$2.50). Send name and mailing address including zip code and e-mail address with number of patches and check payable to NAUMS to NAUMS c/o Art Collins, P.O. Box 548, Ellettsville, IN 47429.

TRAINING CORNER

The 2012 Council training schedule is set and it is headed by Wood Badge slated for April 27-29 and May 18-20. The course director, Randy Rusch, is aiming to have a full class of 48 Scouters. Find a registration form on the Council web site, www.sagamosignals.com. The Wood Badge course for youth, called National Youth Leadership Training, is scheduled for June 10-15 at Camp Buffalo. Students and staff are needed for this important youth training experience. Find information at the Council web site.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped at University of Scouting. It was a great day and 133 Scouters took 103 required courses plus numerous others. Mark your 2012 calendars for November 3 – the date of University of Scouting. All dates are listed below.

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@pwrte.com

Camp Master's Training - November 3, 2012 – Pioneer HS
Contact: Chas Triplett at ctriplett@bsamail.org

Training Committee Meeting - January 18, 2012 (7 pm)
Calvary Presbyterian (Logansport)
Contact: Dale Landis at landisd@att.net

Popcorn Prize Winners & Blitz Units

Congratulations to all Scouts who participated in this year's sale. Because of their efforts, their units have funds for activities for 2012! See www.sagamosignals.com to view list of Scouts who sold \$1,200 or more. Units that held Blitz Day Sales are: Packs 3326, 3371, 3501, and Troop 307.



- Council Website: www.sagamosignals.com
- Camp Cary: www.carycamp.com
- Camp Buffalo: www.campbuffalo.com

COUNCIL OFFICERS

- President Gary Lehman
- Commissioner..... Vicki Triplett
- Treasurer..... Robert Hingst
- Council Executive..... Edward A. Caldwell
- National Council Representative..... Terry Martin



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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 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 e-mail me information at hershey@embarqmail.com. (If not e-mailing, please print and mail to Council Service Center).

North Star District Eagles

Donald Doan	Troop 215
John Downing	Troop 229
Kyle Harvey	Troop 215
Jason Hawes	Troop 202
Jeremy Penrod	Troop 229
Zachary Rayburn	Troop 152

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

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. More information will be included in the February issue of the Sagamore Signals.

Sagamore Council Bowlathon

Info. and Forms will be Available at Jan. 5th 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

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.

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?

IN MEMORY OF ...

Arthur L. Anderson

FROM...

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 Steve & Michelle Engelder
 Alan & Marie Harvath
 John Hingst
 Indiana Order of Foresters Kokomo Branch
 Matt McKinney
 Tom & Judy Sheehan
 Charles Sponaugle
 Philip Stahl
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 St. Monica Boy Scout Troop 514
 Troop 506 - Philmont Scouts & Leaders
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FROM...

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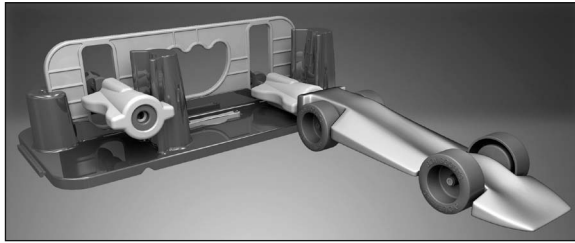
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Check Out New Blastcar™ Items Available at Kokomo Trading Post!

A new Blastcar™ program offers an exciting new racing event using custom-built cars powered by CO2 fuel canisters. It is a merit-badge-driven* activity intended for Boy Scouts. Race courses are custom designed by the Scouts, and guidelines are provided in each car kit. Scouts also use their imaginations to engineer the complete production process for their cars. CO2 canisters are used for fuel. *Note: This activity may be used toward requirements for the following merit badges: Model Design & Building, Woodworking, and Wood Carving.



Unit College Scouter Reserve

Two new position codes are now available for traditional Scouting units.

The new position code 92U, Unit College Scouter Reserve, is available for Packs, Troops, and Teams with a minimum age requirement of 18.

Code 92V, Venturing Unit College Scouter Reserve code is available for Crews and Ships with the minimum age requirement of 21.

These positions have all the same application and fee requirements as any other adult volunteer, including a criminal background check, but the only training requirement is Youth Protection Training. This is your best way for college students to remain registered with your Troop or Crew since it does not require them to be "fully trained" for their position.

Shooting Range Safety Officer Class Offered

The NRA will conduct a Shooting Range Safety Officer Training Course on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Cary Camp. This is a 9 hour class that will begin at 7:00 AM. Cost of the course is \$65 for Scouters and \$100 for non-Scouters. Registration deadline is January 20, 2012. If you have questions, contact Chuck Turner at 765-447-1990.

Shooting Range Safety Officer Training
 January 29, 2012 - Cary Camp

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Unit _____

Fee Enclosed: (Circle Appropriate Fee)

Scouter Fee \$65 Non-Scouter Fee \$100

Send this form along with fee to:
 Sagamore Council BSA
 PO Box 865
 Kokomo IN 46903

(Registration Deadline: January 20, 2012)

The Takachsin Arrow



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

Takachsin Lodge held its annual election of officers at our fall event. The following youth were elected to lead the lodge this coming year. Caleb Sedam, Lodge Chief, Andrew Smelser, Lodge Vice-Chief of Program, and Lucas Bowman, Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions. The Secretary and Treasurer offices are still vacant. If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please contact Mark Beattie (765-922-7769). If you see these young men, congratulate them on their new positions in the Order of the Arrow. They will take their new positions Jan 1st and will be "sworn-in" at our annual Winter Banquet January 8th.

We will once again hold our Winter Banquet at Camp Cary on January 8th. The event will begin at 1 pm with a patch auction, followed by a delicious meal that will begin at 2 o'clock and will conclude with an awards and recognition program starting at 3 o'clock. The cost for this will be \$18, and we ask that everyone pre-register. If you have an item you would like to donate to the patch auction, please bring or contact Phil Drake or Don Harper. We will also conduct our Lodge Leadership Development program this. All Lodge and Chapter officers and advisors are encouraged to attend this event.

Takachsin Lodge achieved Quality Lodge Status in 2011! We would like to thank everyone for making this possible. It was made possible this year because we had positive growth and met our Brotherhood conversion target, so THANK-YOU to everyone who paid their dues and to those who became Brotherhood members in 2011. As we begin a new year, we want to continue to see our Lodge improve and prosper.

2012 dues are now due; they can be paid at the council office or at any lodge event. Also Unit Elections are now going on; a representative from the lodge will be contacting unit leaders to set-up an election time.

Upcoming Lodge Events

- January 7-8 Lodge Leadership Development at Cary Camp
- January 8 Winter Banquet 1:00 PM at Cary Camp
- January 13-15 Klondike at Camp Buffalo
- February 5 Lodge Executive Committee 2:00 PM at Kokomo Scout Office

Wabash Valley

Serving Benton, Carroll, Tippecanoe, Warren & southern Jasper & White Counties

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)

January 2012

- 2 New Year's Day (observed), Office Closed
- 5 District Committee Meeting
- 8 O.A. Winter Banquet
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 O.A. Chapter Meeting
- 14 Cary Properties Committee
- 16 M.L. King, Jr. Day, Office Closed
- 16 Council Executive Board
- 18-20 Council Staff Planning Conference
- 24 Eagle Boards of Review

February 2012

- 2 District Committee Meeting
- 4 Eagle Banquet
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 5 OA Lodge Exec. Committee – Kokomo
- 8 102nd Birthday of Boy Scouts of America
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 O.A. Chapter Meeting
- 18 Cary Properties Committee
- 20 Council Executive Committee
- 20 President's Day, Office Closed
- 25 Wood Badge Rendezvous
- 28 Eagle Boards of Review

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

District Information Online

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

Wabash Valley District Eagles

- Joshua Miller Troop 158
- Matthew Weaver Troop 338

Popcorn Sale Results

Although the Wabash Valley Popcorn was a little off the 2010 amount sold, there was still over \$90,000 that went back into unit bank accounts. Thank you to all of the leaders and families who went out and sold this year.

Top 3 Packs in Sales
 3338 with \$26,848
 3337 with \$22,736
 3154 with \$20,459

Top 3 Troops in Sales
 335 with \$13,829
 338 with \$10,636
 348 with \$9,850

Top Crew in Sales
 2372 with \$323

Top 3 Packs in Increased Sales
 3333 with 113% increase
 3158 with 55% increase
 3154 with 42% increase

Top 3 Troops in Increased Sales
 144 with 77% increase
 372 with 67% increase
 325 with 64% increase

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.

2012 Klondike Derby

The Wabash Valley District Klondike Derby will be held February 10-12, 2012 at Cary Camp. Troops will be cooking their own meals except for Saturday dinner. The cost per person is \$15.00 prior to February 3, 2012, and \$25.00 after. Leaders will be treated to a hot soup lunch in the heated dining room.

This year the Klondike will test winter Scout skills. Patrols will earn "Gold Nuggets" at each station for completing skills, Scout Spirit, leadership, and cooperation. Beware of the Claim Jumpers who are after your "gold", but you can beat them by using your Scout Knowledge to outwit them. The Patrol ending with the most "Gold Nuggets" will be the overall champion. Patrols will receive extra "gold" for each night they stay at Cary Camp

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. Every dollar counts, and every family should be given the opportunity to decide to contribute through a family presentation.

Scout Week

This year we celebrate the 102nd 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 102nd Birthday will be on Wednesday, February 8th. On this day each Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer and leaders should proudly wear their uniform to school or work, if allowed. The world might be surprised who are Scouts.

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:

JANUARY

- 1. Host Webelos Scouts and their parents at a Boy Scout troop meeting. SM, SPL
- 2. Plan a bridging ceremony for the blue and gold banquet in February to welcome graduating Webelos Scouts to their new troop. SM, CM TMC, SPL
- 3. Attend a meeting of first-year Webelos Scouts to introduce them to Scouting. SM, TMC, CM

Webelos-To-Scout Planning Steps:

FEBRUARY

- 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

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

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Calendar

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- 2 Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
- 7 OA Lodge Leadership Development
- 8 Winter Fellowship
- 11 District Roundtable 7:00 pm
- 13-15 Klondike (Camp Buffalo)
- 16 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 18-20 Council Staff Planning Conference
- 25 Peshewa Committee/Commissioner Mtg.

February

- 4 Eagle Banquet
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 8 Roundtable 7:00 pm
Happy Birthday BSA 102 Years!
- 20 Office Closed - Presidents Day
- 22 Peshewa Committee/Commissioner Meeting

Schedule FOS and Camp Presentations 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 your Council, we need to have a more successful FOS year than ever before. We also want to give you a preview of what Day Camp will be offering this year; we can schedule this for another Pack meeting. Call Nicholas Losekamp at 452-8253, or send an e-mail to nlosekamp@sagamorebsa.org with the date of your Pack's Blue & Gold banquet or your Troop's Court of Honor.

Peshewa District Eagle

Austin Mitts Troop 528

District Award Nominations

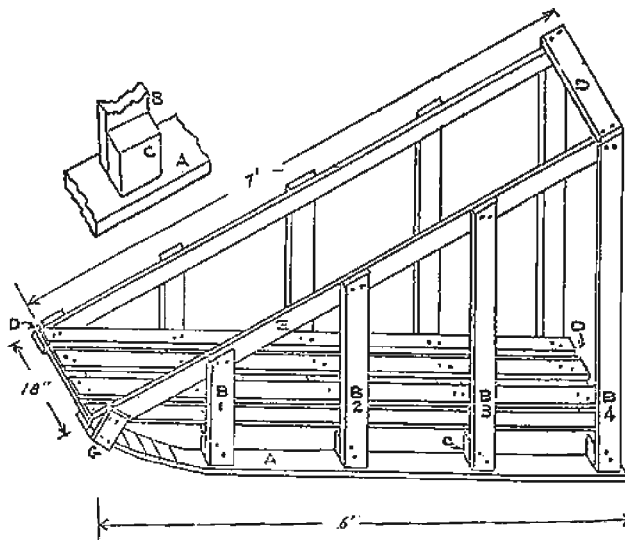
Don't forget to nominate your Pack's or Troop's best leaders for the Roy McClain Award (Outstanding Scout Leader), Master Scouter Award (Outstanding Unit Leader), Wilbur Hudson Award (Outstanding Eagle Scout), or the District Award of Merit (Outstanding District Volunteer). Nominations are due to the Scout Service Center in early March. Don't forget to thank those who have made your Scout experience possible by nominating them for one of these awards. The information packet has been available at roundtable, and can be downloaded from the forms page of www.sagamosignals.com.

2012 KLONDIKE JANUARY 13 - 15, 2012 CAMP BUFFALO

Registration: January 13, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 January 14th 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Events: Start time 9:00 AM
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Saturday's supper is included in this cost!! Plan on using your sled to transport your supplies to each event.

- Snowball / Baseball Toss
- Tent Relay
- Hammer & Nail Relay
- Radioactive Isotope
- Fire Building Competition / Burn the String
(Bring Your Own Supplies / No Petroleum Products (No Cotton Balls))
- Two Man Saw
- Scavenger Hunt (All day Event, Must Be Turned In By 2:30 PM)
- 4 Man Ski (Bring Your Own)
- Sled Race (Bring Your Own Sled)
- First Aid Relay (Bring Your Own Supplies)
- Bring your own supplies: water is at the front gate and side of Multipurpose Building.
- For more information, contact Don Harper (765) 860-4474 or Phil Drake (765) 434-3141



BILL OF MATERIAL			
Part	Key	No. Pieces	Dimensions
Runners	A	2	1" x 4" x 6'
Uprights	B1	2	1" x 4" x 3'6"
	B2	2	1" x 4" x 2'8"
	B3	2	1" x 4" x 1'9"
	B4	2	1" x 4" x 10"
Upright supports	C	8	2" x 4" x 4"
Cross supports	D	6	1" x 4" x 1'6"
Floor strips	E	4	1" x 4" x 6'
Hand rails	F	2	1" x 2" x 7'
Frame supports	G	2	1" x 4" x 6"

Scouting For Food

See council web page, www.sagamosignals.com, for information about 2012 Scouting for Food campaign.

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 February 1, 2011. 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.philmontscoutranch.org.

2013 National Jamboree: Adventurers Wanted!



Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and "this ain't your father's jamboree!" We're seriously talking high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia!

The only place where you can apply to attend the 2013 National Scout Jamboree is at the online home of the Summit: www.bsajamboree.org. Starting immediately, interested applicants can apply to attend the 2013 National Scout Jamboree as a youth participant, adult leader, or volunteer staff. Conditions apply for each of these categories. Please refer to www.bsajamboree.org for the latest details.

Application instructions can be found here: <http://summit.scouting.org/en/Documents/Application%20Instructions.pdf>

Boy Scout Youth participants must be at least First Class Scouts. They must be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the jamboree (July 15, 2013) or 11 years old and have graduated the 6th grade, but have not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the jamboree (July 24, 2013).

In addition to our one contingent of Boy Scouts (36 youth and 4 adults) we also have 8 Venture youth and two Venture adult slots (or nine youth and one adult if all are of the same gender). Venture youth participants must have graduated the 8th grade or be at least 14 years of age by the first day of the jamboree, but have not reached their 21st birthday by the last day of the jamboree.

Contingent leaders have their own list of qualifications, which can be found at www.bsajamboree.org. Among the qualifications are: Scoutmasters and First Assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the jamboree. Second Assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the jamboree. Third Assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the jamboree but not yet 21 years of age by the last day of the jamboree. Scoutmaster applicants must be currently serving as a Scoutmaster or Varsity Coach. For Second and Third Assistant Scoutmasters, be currently serving in any adult troop or team leadership position. All adult leaders must be able to serve as a role model of physical fitness. Also, in accordance with National policy, preference will be given to volunteers who have not previously attended a National Jamboree.

Jamboree fees and itinerary will be built in the coming months, but the fee is expected to be between \$1800 and \$1900. More information will be forthcoming, but for now—check out www.bsajamboree.org and register to hold your spot for the 2013 National Jamboree!