

March 2013 Hou Koda District Newsletter



Website: www.houkodadistrict.org

"Hou Koda" is Native American - "Welcome Friend"

<u>Hou Koda District – Newsletter Returns!</u>

We will be distributing the Hou Koda District Newsletter again. It may take a month or two to get back up to speed so bear with us. We are interested in your ideas for articles and features so send all input to Brenda Smith bksmith856@aol.com for consideration.

"Quality Unit Award" Replaced by "Scouting's Journey to Excellence"





"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's new council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality

program at all levels of the BSA. For more information visit the following web site. Forms are on the Hou Koda Web site $\frac{http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx}{}$

Merit Badge Sundays at Ft. Harrison State Park

Another Merit Badge opportunity is to attend classes are held at the Visitor Center at Fort Harrison State Park. Cost is \$10 per scout per merit badge; payable day of class. Pre-Registration is Required. Registration deadline is the Friday before each class. Min. class size is 10 scouts / Max. class size is 30 scouts. Register online at http://meritbadgesundaysfortharrison.eventbrite.com/#. For more information call the Visitor Center at (317) 591-0122 or email fortinterp@dnr.in.gov. We also offer merit badge classes for the entire troop! Contact the Interpretive Naturalist Staff at the Visitor Center at Fort Harrison State Park for more information. Classes offered:

 April 28, 2013
 Fishing 10am - 3pm

 May 26, 2013
 Bird Study 10am - 3pm

 June 30, 2013
 Forestry 10am - 3pm

July 28, 2013 Environmental Science 10am - 3pm

August 25, 2013 Plant Science 10am - 3pm September 29, 2013 Insect Study 10am - 3pm October 27, 2013 Mammal Study 10am - 3pm

November 24, 2013 Nature 10am - 3pm

December 29, 2013 Soil & Water Conservation 1pm - 4pm

March Roundtable / District Awards Dinner - Thursday March 14, 2012

Come one come all to the 2013 Hou Koda District Dinner. It will be a night of fun, fellowship and recognition of so many in our district who give of themselves to help our Scouts. 2012 Eagle Scouts will be recognized at the dinner and are invited to attend at no charge.



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<u>Time</u>: 6:30 pm,

Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

2125 Reeves Road

Plainfield, Indiana 46123

<u>Cost</u>: \$10 per person for RSVP rate

\$12 per person for Walk-in Rate

Please RSVP by March 9th (instructions below)

If you know of someone deserving of being recognized for their service (and we know you do), we have an award nomination process that's for you. Please look over the attached file Adult Nomination Form and identify the award that best fits the person you are nominating. Fill out the information to the best of your ability (incomplete forms will STILL be considered) and send it to John Moore, Chair for Adult Recognition. Please submit to John Moore by March 1st. You can email the forms to byujohn@att.net or by mailing forms to 722 Settlers Walk, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

<u>RSVP instructions for District Dinner</u>: Go to <u>www.crossroadsbsa.org</u>, and scroll down to "Register for Training and Events." From the drop down box, click "Hou Koda District Events." This will direct you to theregistrationsystem.com. Login to the website, or create a new account, to use the system.

In the top-right corner of the Hou Koda District Events website, click on the "Register for Events" drop-down box, and select District Dinner. Complete the registration process, as prompted by the website.

If you wish to RSVP by mail, please mail the registration payment to: Laura Dunn, Golden-Burke Scout Center, 7125 Fall Creek Road North, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Along with payment, include number of adults, paid Scouts and 2012 Eagle Scout attendees. Also include contact info where you can be reached.

<u>Friends of NRA Hendricks CO. Banquet – Saturday, March 16th, 2013</u>

Location: Primos West Banquet Hall

Address: 2353 E. Perry Road, Plainfield, IN 46168

Time: 5:30-9:45

Price: \$30 Dinner Only \$100 Dinner and Raffle Package For more information call John at 317-946-7260 or Brett at 317-417-4287



Last Year was sold out and that is expected again this year. Get your tickets while you can. See your local Gun Store or Call John or Brett. Come help support our rights and shooting sports in Indiana. 50% of the proceeds will support local groups (including Hou Koda Boy Scouts). There will be many chances to win hard to find firearms, trips, and accessories. Also live, silent auctions and games for great prizes.

Scouting For Food - March 23 to April 20th, 2013

The 2013 Scouting for Food (SFF) start date is almost here! The official time frame for SFF is March 23 to April 20th, 2013. Scouts have the opportunity to collect food door-to-door, bag drop with labels and pick up the bags another day, or support the purchase of pre-packaged grocery bags in participating central Indiana Kroger stores on Saturdays during the SFF dates. The door to door method and is a great activity for a den meeting or a patrol activity.

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Kroger bags and stickers were passed out at the February roundtable. They will also be at the District Dinner.

Scouting for Food is a national Boy Scout community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in communities we live in. Crossroads of America Council participates in this annual spring food collection program with all proceeds staying in central Indiana. Each year Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturing Crews partner with the Girl Scouts to collect food, supporting families in need. Scouting for Food will collect over 75,000 pounds of food to support needy families in central Indiana each year. Data show that 1 out of 8 Hoosiers live in poverty! Let's give them a can of hope - a can of life!! This is an annual service project in the council to do our "Good Turn".

2013 Scouting for Food (SFF)

The Food Event Summery / Patch Order Form can be mailed or faxed to the address and number on the form. The form is attached to this e-mail. They changed to patch order process this year. You have to send in your form to the council and they will mail you the patches. We will not have any patches on hand this year. The form states that you have to send in \$7.00 for postage. As long as you turn in your paperwork on time, they will not charge you for postage. 2013 Hou Koda District Goal: 20 participating Units

Hou Koda District Pinewood Derby Race - Sunday, April 7, 2013

All Hou Koda Scouts, friends, siblings, and parents are invited to the HK District Pinewood Derby Race. The race will be held on Sunday April 7th at the Indiana State Museum, home of the World's Fastest Pinewood Derby Track. In this year's race we will match scouts race times first at their Den Level (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and WEBELOS) with awards being given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. In addition to the Scouts competing for prizes at each Den Level and a Grand Champion, this year there will again be a trophy for Open Class winner for friends, parents, and siblings. (not eligible for the Den and Grand Champion races) Previous year's cars are allowed in the Open Class, so Dad's and former scouts pull out that old car, you know you still have it! This will be held after the Scout Pinewood Derby preliminary races.

The Museum is offering discounted Admission of \$3.50 per person associated with scouting, including family members. This is required and will include access to all of the museums displays and exhibits for the day. Car entry is FREE with admission thanks to a generous donation from Andy Mohr Auto Group, who sponsored this year's trophies! Questions go to Jeff Fluharty (317-965-2463) Dennis Shirley (317-374-1544). Please check the flyer on the www.houkodadistrict.org web site on the Forms/Flyers page.

<u>Early Check In</u> will be available (**AND IS ENCOURAGED**) on Mar 30th 9-1 pm at: Fluharty House, 1725 Bentbrook DR Avon 46123.

April Roundtable - Thursday April 11, 2013

We hope to see a representative from EVERY Unit in the District in attendance. We owe it to our youth to commit to attend as often as possible. If not to learn something, to get the latest District news and event schedules. Try to be on the leading edge of change as you learned in Wood Badge. No Wood Badge? We can help you with that too!

We want to assist you in keeping your program and outlook on a positive note. We'll try our best to teach, review and listen to you on a monthly basis. YES!! We said listen! We want to know how you are doing and if you have any suggestions, problems or concerns.

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After all it is a ROUNDTABLE!

Instructor / Range Safety Officer Certification Training Class - April 12, 2013

Shooting Sports is getting a face lift for 2013. First Steps will be taught before shooting, in addition, a Range Safety Officer is now needed as well as instructor. Get trained to be certified as an instructor or RSO (Range Safety Officer). Our next training is the weekend of April 12th at Ransburg. The class has a maximum

capacity of 20 and we are filling up fast. National BSA has hinted that pistol shooting may be added for Boy Scouts in 2013 or 2014. Being trained in advance is a good idea. In 2013 Boy Scouts received several large grants from the NRA which will improve our shooting sports program. Have you seen the shooting sports trailer we have? This can be used at Troop Events provided you have trained instructors. We added riflery to the Merit Badge University and will be receiving firearms and ammo to do troop events. We are here to support you and have access to a local range to do events. The NRA grant donated to Boy Scouts came from money generated at local banquets. Check www.houkodadistrict.org on the 'Activities' page for more information contact Brett Thompson 317-417-4287

2013 Spring HK District Merit Badge Workshop - Saturday, April 20, 2013

Because this is only a one day program, most merit badges will have prerequisites that will need to be completed either before or after MB Workshop in order to mark the merit badge as complete. Space is limited to 10 Scouts per class. First come, first served.

Location: LDS Church - 2125 Reeves Road (550 South) Plainfield, IN 46168

The cost for this year's event is:

*Registration Fee = \$10 per Scout

*Fee Includes:

- A full day of classes (two merit badges) & Event patch
- Lunch (Pizza, Mixed Fruit Cup, Assorted Chips, Water / Lemonade)
- Hot Chocolate (Scouts) / Coffee (Adult Leaders)

Registration Form and payment are expected to be mailed together by no later than registration deadline April 16th. Late Registration is \$10 per scout, if space is available. Make checks payable to Crossroads of America Council. See list of prerequisites for each class on the flyer located at www.houkodadistrict.org. Go to www.meritbadge.org to print and preview the worksheets for the Merit Badge class in which you are interested. At the end of the worksheets there are requirement resources; click on each resource for worksheet answers.

Merit Badge Classes

Personal Fitness*
Salesmanship
Hiking*
Rifle Shooting (all day class limited - 6 max)
Personal Management*
Fish & Wildlife Management
Family Life*
Citizenship in the Nation*
Citizenship in the Community*
Law

Disabilities Awareness
Communication*
Oceanography
Citizenship in the World*
Fishing
Soil and Water Conservation
Crime Prevention-Fingerprinting
American Heritage
Chess
Music / Bugling

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Reptile and Amphibian Study

*Denote Eagle Required

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) - April 26, 2013



The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Boy Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. ILST is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Boy Scouts and is a replacement for Troop Leadership Training. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Boy Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). It is also required to participate in a Kodiak Challenge Trek.

Location: Hou Koda District Spring Camporee
Limit 2 Scouts per Troop
Additional \$5.00 registration fee for materials
Friday, April 26, 2013 @ 6:00pm
Class conducted at the Dining Hall
4 Hour Class
RSVP by April 23, 2013
Point of Contact: Ed Richard
Cell# (317) 979-2651

e-mail: eprichard67@yahoo.com

Spring Camporee - April 26-28, 2013

theme. We'll have a pulled pork dinner with beans and cornbread, so it will be very important to get us your reservations in enough time to have sufficient food - See flyer on the website www.houkodadistrict.org. Activities and Demo's planned include; Amazing Race checkpoints, campsite entrance lashing event, fire building, compass event, first aid, patrol spirit event at opening and Tug-o-war. Be ready at opening with your patrol flag and patrol yell. Of course we're still planning so things can change, but keep checking the HK website for more information. Adult training Offered: OLS please pre-register. Youth training offered: ILST - see article above. OA callout will be at this camporee, and there will be an OA Concession Stand.

Cub Scout Belt Loop and Pin Day - Saturday, April 27, 2013

Spring Camporee will be at Camp Krietenstein and will be a "The Amazing Race"

Choose session 1 from 9:00 AM until Noon and/or Session 2 from1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Payment per session; \$5 for advanced registration or \$8 at the door for participating Scouts and siblings. Adults are free. Advanced registration will be available on the council webpage www.crossroadsbsa.org from March 15—April 19. Session will be open so you can work on belt loops and pins you are interested in at your own pace. Probable Belt Loops and Pins:

· Art · Weather

· Chess · BB

· Citizenship · Archery



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· Geology

· Flag Football

· Map and Compass

· Marbles

· Music

· Ultimate

· Science

This is a family fun event at camp Belzer. Scouts and parents or leaders will work together to earn the belt loops and pins.

Belt Loops and pins will be earned at the event but will be provided by the pack to ensure advancement is recorded accurately and Scouts are recognized by their pack. If you have an interest in helping with this event please contact Ryan Keys at rykeys@crossroadsbsa.org.

CAC College of Commissioner Science - Saturday, June 8th, 2013



This training is provided by commissioners for commissioners and will include new classes about new subjects utilizing the newly issued National Training for Commissioners.

Registration: 7:15 - 7:45 AM (College complete after graduation by 4:30 PM)

Location: IU Health, Fairbanks Hall, 340 W. 10th Street, Indianapolis IN 46202

Tuition: \$23 paid by 5/1/13 - \$25 paid by 5/15/13 (lunch, patch, keynote address & class materials)

Walk-ins: \$30 - Registration limited to 95 participants

Register and pay at: http://www.crossroadsbsa.org OR: Go to your local Scout Service

Center

Specific training for: Anyone who is or wants to be a Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner or part of Commissioner Staff. See Flyer at www.houkodadistrict.org.

Fall Camporee - October 18-20, 2013

Start planning for Fall Camporee - Camp Ransburg

2013 National Jamboree

Baden-Powell's Vision

In 1916, Sir Robert Baden-Powell. founder of Scouting movement, knew what success looked like for the 10th anniversary of Scouting. It was the sight of thousands of youth gathered together to celebrate. The jamboree was born! In his words, "The secret of its arowth lies that



indeterminate force which we only know as the 'Scout Spirit," and grow it has!

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Since 1937, more than 710,000 Scouts and leaders have shared the jamboree experience and hiked the trails, paths, and roadways at 17 national Scout jamborees. Now, after utilizing 7 different sites, the national jamboree has a permanent home - The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve!

The Summit!

National Scout jamborees are rich in tradition and history. The 2013 National Jamboree promises that and more. It will make history by being the first national jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, or The Summit (for short). And will establish new traditions, while embracing some old ones, as the permanent home for national jamborees.

And when not in use for national jamborees, The Summit will serve as the fourth operating national high adventure camp, a national camp school and training center. It will also host the 2019 World Jamboree.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events

March 14, 2013	District Roundtable / District Awards Dinner	Plainfield LDS Church
April 11, 2013	Roundtable	Plainfield LDS Church
April 12, 2013	Instructor / Range Safety Officer Certifica Training Class	Camp Ransburg
April 20, 2013	HK District Merit Badge Workshop	Plainfield LDS Church
April 27, 2013	Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST)	Camp Kreitenstien
April 26-28, 2013	Spring Camporee	Camp Krietenstein
April 27, 2013	Cub Scout Belt Loop and Pin Day	Camp Belzer
June 8, 2013	IU Health, Fairbanks Hall	IU Health, Fairbanks Hall
October 18-20, 2013	Fall Camporee	Camp Ransburg
July 15 - 24, 2013	National Jamboree	The Summit
2019	World Jamboree	The Summit

Contact Brenda Smith at bksmith856@aol.com to request or provide District Newsletter information. For additional Scouting information visit the following Web Sites:

www.crossroadsbsa.org

www.usscouts.org

www.meritbadge.com

www.ma<u>cscouter.com</u>

www.becomeascout.org

www.houkodadistrict.org

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