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Hou Koda

District Newsletter

Website: www.houkodadistrict.org

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

Get Trained NOW! www.myscouting.org

Print 3 copies of your certificate of completions. Keep one, give one to your unit's training chair, and provide a copy to council for our records. *Make sure your myscouting.org account profile is linked to your membership number.



UNIT LEADERS Please Log into – www.myscouting.org

Cubmaster/Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Charter Org Reps have a new "tool box" available for unit leaders. It is AWESOME! You can see your training status, print our own membership cards, access active rosters for youth and adults, and more! Please check it out! You don't have to wait on your district executive to provide this information anymore!

Training Camp is Back!

Due to the great success last summer with the Training Camp program, it will return again this year. Leaders, who complete required training to become a fully trained leader through online training modules and volunteered courses, will have an opportunity to earn a free limited edition Council Training Camp Shoulder strip. Links are available on the council web site to download forms: Training Camp Flyer, Cub Scout Leader Patch form, Boy Scout Leader Patch form, Venturing Leader Patch form and Team Leader Patch form. Visit the training section of the council website.

September Roundtable – Thursday September 12, 2013

We hope to see a representative from EVERY Unit in the District in attendance. Location: LDS Church at 2125 Reeves Road at 6:30. 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!

For more information contact Laura Dunn laudunn@crossroadsbsa.org.



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. After all it is a ROUNDTABLE!

Hooked on Scouting! September 14, 2013

Cub Scout Fun Day is planned for September 14th at Avon Town Hall Park 9am-4pm and will include a Fishing Derby, Bobcat Trail, Rope making station, BB Guns, Archery, and more. This event is FREE for all newly registered Scouts and \$5 for existing Scouts.



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Environmental Science Merit Badge – September 15 & October 20, 2013



An Ornithology Center Naturalist who is trained as a Merit Badge Counselor will teach this half day class. There will be many hands-on activities and a chance to explore areas of the park. Please bring a lunch, day pack, and water bottle with you. All materials, including blue cards will be provided. We require each scout or group of scouts to have an adult chaperone. Fee \$8 and Park Admission is Free

EAGLE CREEK PARK ORNITHOLOGY CENTER

SEPT 15 & OCT 20

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED 317-327-2473

Jim Hill Remembrance – Monday, September 16, 2013

Pack 324 has planned a special dedication ceremony in memory of Jim Hill, Hou Koda District Chaplain, and would like to include Scouts and leaders from across the district. For those of you who didn't know Jim, he was a long time Hou Koda volunteer whose efforts in the Scouting movement significantly impacted both adults and youth alike.



The event will be on Monday the 16th at Avon Town Hall Park. Meet at 6:30pm under the shelter. Then walk to a location for a tree dedication being planted in Jim's honor. Hopefully it becomes an event in the scout's life that they will always remember. For Information, contact Daniel Bendy Cubmaster Pack 324 at djbendy68@aol.com.

OA - Dine and Dash Fundraiser – Wednesday – September 25, 2013



Wundchenneu Chapter of Order of the Arrow is having a fundraiser at Avon City Barbeque, 9116 Rockville Road (just east of Raceway Road) on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 10:30 am - 10:00 pm.

A great meal and 25% of your bill goes to Wundchenneu Chapter of OA when you present the flyer!

Flyers are available on-line at Hou Koda District website and attached. Questions?

Contact Steve Rice at Steven.R.Rice@rolls-royce.com

2nd Annual Seth Soulsby Veterans Remembrance Day – September 28, 2013

Please read attached flyer to learn about how our Boy Scouts can do their part to remember those who lost their lives serving our country since 9/11/2001. As a veteran, our DE Laura Dunn is chairing this effort to bring Boy Scouts together, in uniform, to participate in a hands-on event they will always remember. Some of our young men will continue to wear a uniform as they serve our country proudly. Please email Laura at dunnlaura1@gmail.com if your troop/crew/team is interested in participating. Thank you for all you do for our Scouts and their future.



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Calling all Boy Scouts! Speedway Young Marines with the help and support of Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial, Indiana Gold Star Mothers and the 1st Indiana Young Marines Battalion from Camp Atterbury, will again honor the 444 fallen Hoosier Veterans that have lost their lives since 9/11/01. They will launch an illuminated balloon with a prayer attached, for each Veteran, shortly after nightfall.

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To see last year's historic event, or for more information, please visit www.speedwayyoungmarines.com

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://meritbadgesundaysforharrison.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:



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

HK District Basic Unit Commissioner Training Saturday, October 5, 2013

Who: Hou Koda District Unit Commissioners - All Commissioning Staff in Crossroads Council is invited and encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday, October 5th, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Location: Plainfield LDS Church, 2125 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168. Indiana 267 north of I-70. Go to door on east end of building to enter.

No Cost: Position patch not provided. A complete list of Commissioner materials will be provided for your reference.

Refreshments: Bring your own lunch, drinks, and snacks. A water fountain, microwave, and fridge are available in the building.

Instructors: Mike Dolan and Dan Harrison

Please contact Mike Dolan to register so there are enough materials

E-mail: michaeledolan@prodigy.net cell: 317-374-5578



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Fall Camporee – October 18 - 20, 2013 – Beware of Zombies!

Plans are currently underway for Hou Koda's Fall Camporee - aka "Haunted Hou Koda!" Come prepared for a "Zombie" good time! Many activities are planned. Needed: Tomahawks and large wood targets - Skits and songs for the campfire. Bring your Jack-o-Lanterns for the campfire.

Planned Events Include:

- Fire by Friction - Natural Materials Only
- Zombie Search - Compass Course
- Tomahawk Throw
- Skillet Toss
- Team Challenge
- First Aid - Treatment of Zombie Attacks
- Tug-O-War
- Cooking Demonstration



PHILMONT 2014

- Venturing Crew 396 is going back to Philmont and you can join them. They will be hiking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains from July 4 to July 16, 2014. If you are interested in joining them, contact: TJ Kackowski by phone 317-605-4213 or e-mail at tkackows@indiana.edu
- Troop 494 is looking for 1 Adult and 3 youth for Philmont July 2014. Fees are \$800.00 plus travel via Amtrack -arrive July 16, 2014, depart July 28, 2014. \$450.00 due to troop by 9-23-14 final payment March 2014. They are planning a crew of 12 scouts. Contact Joe Winterrowd 317-403-2678 or e-mail at joewinterrowd494@gmail.com



Community Service Opportunities – Eagle Scout Project Leads

- Eagle project for Hendricks County Senior Services - a concrete apron - digging asphalt, forming, pouring concrete. We have a potential donor for concrete. The contact for this project is as follows:
Name: Larry Conrad
Cell Phone: 431-1866
E-Mail: LarryConrad@ameritech.net
- Need assistance with yard work. Brief info: older man (61yrs), disabled veteran with some mobility and strength issues, but mostly a bad (damaged) heart from a massive heart attack. Have a little home on the far west side of Indy in Marion County, just south of Speedway near W. Washington and Lyndhurst. Located at 801 Ingomar Street, Indianapolis 46241. It is on the south east corner of McCarty and Ingomar. My phone (land line with machine) is 317-244-7029. Thank you kindly, Harry Brunet (Buck)
- Pat Masterson from Faith Lutheran Church in Avon called asking if any Scouts would be interested in building two picnic tables. The church will pay for materials. Pat Masterson 317-856-3453

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- Mark (317-626-2633) is a prior Scout leader and teacher looking for help weeding his small garden. He was in an automobile accident April 1st. His homeowners association is demanding immediate action on the matter but he can't physically get outside. He reached out to Scouts to lend a hand. He has a positive Scouting story with a need in the community. Please contact Mark directly if you can lend a hand. He lives near the Ben Davis area.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events

September 12, 2013	District Roundtable	Plainfield LDS Church
September 14, 2013	Cub Scout Fun Day - Hooked on Scouting	Avon Town Hall Park
September 15, 2014	Environmental Science Merit Badge	Eagle Creek Park - Ornithology Center
September 16, 2014	Jim Hill Remembrance Event	Avon Town Hall Park
September 25, 2014	Order of the Arrow - Dine and Dash Fundraiser	Avon City BBQ
September 28, 2013	Veterans Remembrance Day	American Legion Mall
September 29, 2013	Merit Badge Sunday - Insect Study	Ft. Harrison State Park
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July 4 - 16, 2014	Philmont Trek Opportunity - Crew 396	Cimarron, NM
July 16 - 29, 2014	Philmont Trek Opportunity - Troop 494	Cimarron, NM
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.macscouter.com

www.becomeascout.org

www.houkodadistrict.org

Crossroads of America
Scout Education and Program Center
7125 Fall Creek Road North
Indianapolis, IN 46256
Phone: (317) 813-7125

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<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/>

<http://www.ntier.org/>

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

District Leadership Team

District Chair: Ed Beck (317) 417-6084
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District Executive: Laura Dunn (317) 813-7122
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District Adult Recognition: John Moore (317) 332-0942
District Advancement Chair: Doug Pond (765) 497-1001
District Boy Scout Recruitment Chair: Chris Jackson (317) 258-8403
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District Cub Scout Spring Recruitment Chair: Jacob Roesler (317) 459-2863
District Fun Day Chair: Alan Huls (317) 748-9368
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District Commissioner: Mike Dolan (317) 374-5578
District Camporee Chair: Clint Groeschen (317) 517-6440
District Eagle Board Chair: Dean Stevens (317) 989-8320
District Finance Chair: Randy Effner (317) 839-9183
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District Membership Chair: Chuck Fippen (317) 201-2694
District Popcorn Chair: Jessica Scott (317) 242-8637
District PR Chair: Carlo Bertolini (317) 487-5025
District PR Chair: Katie Holmes
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District State Fair Chair: Doug Johnson (317) 679-5976
District Training Chair: Rigo Rodriguez (703) 328-9654
District WEBELOS Transition Chair: Vacant
District Webmaster: Brian Hazelton

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What is Philmont? Philmont is a little slice of heaven on earth donated by Waite Phillips to the Boys Scouts of America “for the purpose of perpetuating faith, self-reliance, integrity, freedom and principles used to build this great country by the American Pioneer.” Physically it is 137,493 acres located among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico. Base camp is at 6,600 feet above sea level and the highest peak is the top of Baldy Mountain at 12,441 feet above sea level.

What do you do at Philmont? We will be hiking through the rugged and majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains. For 10 full days we will live out of our backpacks. When we are at staffed campsites in the back country, we’ll also have the opportunity to participate in various programs. Activities like horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, 30.06 rifle shooting, archaeology, mountain biking, shotgun shooting and interpretive programs such as homesteading and mountain man rendezvous and much more are all available at Philmont.

Who can go? Any BSA registered youth or adult who meet the following criteria:

- Youth: At least 14 years of age by the date of arrival at Philmont OR have completed the 8th grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation.
- Adult: 21 years of age or older, limited to 4 per crew.
- All participants must be able to pass the Philmont medical requirements and meet the height / weight restrictions. These are the same criteria as found on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.
- All participants must be able to safely carry a 40 lb. backpack for the duration of this trip.

How many can go? Venturing Crew 396 has been awarded two (2) Philmont crews. At Philmont, a crew is a group of 7 – 12 campers including at least two adult advisors. The maximum number of adults is four per crew and a crew must have a majority of youth participants. All totaled, there is room for 24 Scouts and Scouters on this trip.

How much will this cost? The total estimated cost of this adventure is \$1,650 per person. This cost is based upon 2 full crews (24 people). Items included in this cost are:

- Philmont fees which include all food and lodging while at Philmont and while travelling to and from Philmont
- Round trip transportation to Calvary UMC, Brownsburg
- Training hikes
- Miscellaneous crew equipment
- Additional expenses to consider that are not included in the estimate above:
 - Personal equipment; e.g. backpack, hiking boots, rain gear, etc.
 - Souvenirs from Philmont

How much money is due when? As much as possible, as soon as possible. Our treasurer will help you to set up a payment schedule if needed. As a general rule, all monies spent on Philmont are non-refundable.

Will there be any fund-raising to help pay for this adventure? Yes, there is expected to be several fund raising activities to help defray the costs of this adventure.

What else do I need to know? A lot! However, this letter is isn’t intended to answer all your questions. It is strictly to convey some very preliminary information about this unique high adventure experience. The first item in being prepared is knowledge. You now know that Venturing Crew 396 has secured a trip to Philmont. Armed with this knowledge, you now have to decide if you want to make the commitment to attend what is sure to be a highlight in your life.

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Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial

Speedway Young Marines

1st Indiana Young Marines Battalion

Indiana Gold Star Mothers

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**Saturday –
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@ 4 pm**

**American Legion Mall,
Downtown Indianapolis**

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To see last year's historic event, or for more information, please visit www.speedwayyoungmarines.com

**Please RSVP by September 8th to Laura Dunn
(dunnlaura1@gmail.com or 317-374-6456) with the following information:**

Scout Name	Scout Rank	Troop #	Contact phone #

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Eat at City Barbeque and raise money for our group!

**Please join us for a special fundraising event.
25% of your purchase will be donated back to our group!**

Sale Amt:

\$ _____

Name of group: Order of the Arrow
Date of fundraiser: Wednesday September 25th, 2013
Participating Location: City Barbeque Avon
9116 Rockville, Rd. Indianapolis, In 46234

Good all day on Dine In & Carry Out Orders

Note: If ordering carry out for large groups, please use our Pig Up 'n Go Menu.

Flyer must be presented at time of order to receive credit for the sale.

Flyers cannot be passed out on City Barbeque property. Fundraiser cannot be combined with other promotions or offers. Not valid on gift card purchases.

Check out our menus and **Order Online** at www.citybbq.com

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