



Trail Blazer

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District Dinner Will be Feb. 12

ALOHA: Old Trail District adult volunteers have a choice of what to wear for the annual District Awards Dinner on Feb. 12: your favorite Hawaiian shirt or a Scout shirt. With a Hawaiian theme, the dinner will serve to recognize those who keep Scouting a vital force in our part of eastern Indiana.

Be at the Lingle Auditorium in the new Reid Hospital at 6 p.m. The dinner and program start at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person—reservations are requested. Phone yours in to the Hagerstown Scout Service Center at (765) 489-4552.

SCOUTING CONTINUES WITH WINTER ACTIVITIES

KLONDIKE

Bear Creek Scout Camp will be transformed as the Old Trail Iditarod brings a bit of the old Klondike Territory to eastern Indiana on Feb. 20-22.

Starting Friday night with a cracker barrel, the OT Iditarod will feature several competitive activities on Saturday. Patrols with Klondike-style sleds will visit about 10 stations where their preparedness will be tested. At the end of the course, there will be a sled race. That evening, awards will be presented at the Musers Feast, a special banquet for all the hard workers.

Cost is \$8 per person, which includes the Musers Feast, the cracker barrel and the patch. Reservations for your troop can be made through the Hagerstown Scout Service Center. For other details, contact **Bob Hansen**.

LOCK-IN

If you and your Cub Scouts have ever wondered about a Bug's Life, Feb. 6-7 is a chance to find out a little about it. Come to the Cub Scout Lock-In at Hagerstown Jr.-Sr. High School.

Check-in starts at 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts can earn at least three belt loops that night, and will enjoy activities including basketball, crafts, music, swimming and marbles, along with a pizza feed!

Activities are scheduled from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. The pre-reservation cost is \$9 per Cub Scout, which includes the patch, all activities and pizza, and \$5 per adult or tag-a-long. Reservations are due by Jan. 30 at the Hagerstown Scout Service Center. Cost at the door will be \$10 per person. For details, contact **Jane Blevins** or **Bryan Hughes**.

Local Scouts honored for heroism

Gov. Mitch Daniels congratulates Scouts Marshal and Colt Bane as their parents, Mary and Dave, look on. At the Dec. 4 Governor's Luncheon for Scouting, the governor presented the Bane boys with BSA heroism medals for saving the life of their father after he was injured last fall. The Banes belong to Troop 114. Scoutmaster Bill Snipe was among those present.



Calendar

Feb. 6-7—Cub Scout lock-in

Feb. 12—District Dinner

Feb. 20-22—Klondike Derby

Feb. 28—Cub & Boy Scout leader training

March 5— Old Trail District Committee, Commissioner staff, 6:30 p.m.

March 12— Old Trail Leaders Roundtable, 7 p.m., First Christian Church, 10th & S. A, Richmond

March 14 & 21—Scouting for Food

April 9 — Old Trail District Committee, Commissioner staff, 6:30 p.m.

April 16 — Old Trail Leaders Roundtable, 7 p.m.

April 24-26— Camporee: Railroad MB, at Whitewater Valley Railroad, Connersville

Friends of Scouting underway

Jeff Huffine, owner of Huffine Design in Hagerstown, has agreed to chair the 2009 Friends of Scouting campaign. The annual fund-raising effort is ramping up now, with the district leadership section already completed.

Charlie Miller, a former Scoutmaster for Troop 6 in Cambridge City, is organizing the family campaign. When Charlie calls about scheduling a visit with your pack, troop or crew, he'll be wanting to set a time when parents, grandparents and other adults are present to hear the story of Scouting in central Indiana.

NEWS & NOTES THAT YOU CAN USE:

TRAINING: New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Leader Specific, Boy Scout Specific training and Youth Protection will be offered locally on Feb. 28 at at the LDS Church, 3333 Backmeyer Road (the flyer mistakenly said it would be in Brookville). For details, contact **Jane Blevins**.

EAGLE BOARDS: Eagle Scout Boards of Review will be scheduled on the second Tuesday evening each month, when a Scout's application is ready. For details, contact Advancement Chair **Dave Sprague**.

JAMBOREE: Old Trail Scouts who want to attend the 2010 National Jamboree can get help paying for it. District Chair **Bob Hall** has organized a fund which will provide up to \$600 for OT Scouts accepted into the Council contingent. Scouts age 12 and over by August 2010 can attend; the scholarship application has been extended to June 30. For details, contact **Matt Fisher**.

FIRECRAFTER, ORDER OF THE ARROW: These are programs designed for the older Scout and our district participates through a Firecrafter Ember and an Order of the Arrow chapter. They meet together at the same time as the leaders' roundtable, on the second Thursday each month at First Christian Church in Richmond. Troop leaders should try to bring OA and Firecrafter members to these meetings. The district committee is working with these Scouts to develop ways for them to assist in district programs, including the Lock-in and the Klondike Derby. For more information, contact **Brian Anderson**, Firecrafter advisor, or **John Sutton**, Order of the Arrow advisor.

COMMISSIONERS: **Eric Davis** of Hagerstown has recently signed on as an assistant district commissioner. We welcome Eric, who was a Scout as a youth. Commissioners visit units to provide information and advice. Anyone interested in serving may contact District Commissioner **Monty Sutton**.

Trainings offered before Roundtables

Training opportunities will be offered at 6 p.m. before district Roundtables. In January, Tiger Den Leader training was offered. For upcoming topics, contact Jane Blevins or Bryan Hughes.

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner is Karla Bauman and Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner is Melissa Sutton. Besides sharing information about upcoming activities, Roundtables are planned around themes you can use with you Scouts.

Location: First Christian Church, 10th & South A streets, Richmond

Time & Date: 7 p.m., second Thursday each month.

Meet your Roundtable Commissioners

Karla Bauman: Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

- ◆ Involved in Scouts for 5 years
- ◆ Best things about her involvement is the life time of memories with her sons and the families of Pack 46
- ◆ Mother of five children
- ◆ Will be a grandmother in April
- ◆ Worked as a Paralegal in Batesville
- ◆ Currently holds a real estate license

Melissa Sutton: Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

- ◆ Bear Den Leader and Pack Committee
- ◆ Assistant Scoutmaster
- ◆ Mother of two Eagle Scouts
- ◆ Family has five Bassett hounds
- ◆ Teaches English and French at Randolph Southern High School in Lynn
- ◆ Yearbook Advisor
- ◆ Loves to fish, camp, and just being outdoors
- ◆ Teaches adult Sunday school class and serves as missionary president and church board secretary
- ◆ Loves watching classical musicals and reading historical novels
- ◆ Loves word games and puzzles

VETERAN SCOUTER PASSES ON

Old Trail District's Scouting community has been saddened by the passing of David Palmer on Jan. 16.

Dave, 64, was a long-time Scoutmaster of Troop 16 in Centerville and was currently serving as assistant Scoutmaster. He had served in various positions in Old Trail District including District Commissioner. He was currently the Boy Scout Training Chair. He enjoyed Scouting fellowship over a cup of coffee at many district activities.

In addition, he had been active in Richmond soccer, Girl Scouting, Centerville United Methodist Church and other community activities.

Old Trail Scouters extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Sharon, and their family. The family has suggested memorial donations to the Crossroads of America Council, BSA. Troop 16 also is accepting donations to construct a flagpole in Dave's honor.