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Crossroads of America Council Begins Transition Period with New Council President

Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America will introduce a new council president, Bob Palmer, vice president and general manager of Air, Ground and Freight Services- Central Region, FedEx during the council's annual meeting on Saturday, January 19, at Warren Central High School. He succeeds Tom Easterday, executive vice president, Subaru of Indiana Automotive, who is completing two years in the role.

Palmer has served on the council board for eight years including as Vice President of Development the past two years. "I look forward to continuing the growth and hard work of the council to serve the community's youth," said Palmer. "We want to ensure Scouting is available to everyone who can benefit by reaching out to more diverse groups and adding to our nearly 9,000 talented volunteers."

This change comes during a time of major transition for the council as Scout Executive, Scott Clabaugh, will retire at the end of March after 20 years of service. His replacement will be named in early February. This will be his last annual meeting as Scout Executive. "It's been a privilege to serve the Scouts, their families, our staff and our tremendously passionate volunteers," said Clabaugh. "Our success in providing high quality, Scout programs and wonderful camps is a directly related to their commitment and hard work."

The council's annual meeting will occur at noon during its annual all-day training event, University of Scouting. More than 500 Scout leaders and volunteers will gather for courses from traditional Scouting skills to marketing and financing a troop.

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The day will also include presentations of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a council can place on a volunteer, to 15 individuals including:

Walter Edward Beck, Avon

Leo H. Bernier, Jr., Nineveh

William J. Cherry, Indianapolis

Kelley K. Cook, Indianapolis

Troy K. Crum, Plainfield

Patton Ray "Tony" Doyle, Terre Haute

Thomas V. Easterday, Zionsville

William G. Gwaltney, Anderson

Robert F. Hoffmeyer, Indianapolis

Joseph A. Jackson, Greenwood

Dr. Nathan A. Schaumleffel, Terre Haute

Brenda K. Smith, Danville

Elizabeth A. Smitherman, Anderson

Michael Edward Thyen, Carmel

Debora K. Zimmermann, Indianapolis

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Boy Scouts of America is a youth development organization that's designed to prepare young people to make ethical and moral decisions throughout their lifetimes. The goals of Scouting consist of citizenship training, character development and personal fitness. Throughout the Boy Scout program, young people are encouraged to advance through ranks by fulfilling requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. For more information on Scouting, call (317) 813-7125 or 877-925-1900 (toll free) or visit www.crossroadsbsa.org.