



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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"All the News...That Is News...for Pack, Troop & Crew Leadership in the Northeast District"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- May 16 (8:15 AM)
[Webelos Activity Day](#)
- May 20 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- May 21 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Jun 1 (6:00 PM)
[First Aid Training](#)
- Jun 2 (6:00 PM)
[AED/CPR Training](#)
- Jun 6 (9:00 AM)
[Ideal Year of Scouting](#)
- Jun 7 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Jun 7-12
[NYLT White Stag](#)
- Jun 8-12
[Baden Powell Wk 1](#)
- Jun 8-12
[Dan Beard Wk 1](#)
- Jun 13
[Wilderness First Aid](#)

In the Next 60 Days

- Jun 15-20
[Baden Powell Wk 2](#)
- Jun 15-20
[Dan Beard Wk 2](#)
- Jun 17 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Jun 18 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Jun 22-27
[Baden Powell Wk 3](#)
- Jun 22-27
[Dan Beard Wk 3](#)
- July 5, 2015 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Jul 6-10
[Baden Powell Wk 4](#)
- Jul 6-10
[Dan Beard Wk 4](#)

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- July 8 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
- Jul 12-17
[NYLT White Stag](#)
- Jul 13-18
[Baden Powell Wk 5](#)
- Jul 13-18
[Dan Beard Wk 5](#)
- July 15
NED Commissioners Mtg
- July 15-16
Yard Sign Distribution

In the Next 90 Days

- July 16 (6:30 PM)
[Cub Recruiting Rally](#)
- Jul 20-24
[Baden Powell Wk 6](#)
- Jul 20-24
[Dan Beard Wk 6](#)
- Jul 16 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Aug 4 (6:00 PM)
[Cub Ldr Specific Trng](#)
- Aug 5 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Aug 12 (6:00 PM)
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- Aug 19 (7:00 PM)
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Who Can I Contact

- Do you have feedback on the current issue?
- Do you have ideas for news items in a future issue of **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette**?

Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

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Our current plans are to use this communication, along with the District Update that is part of the monthly ***e-Crossroads Leader Edition Newsletter*** (published at the beginning of each month) to provide leaders of Packs, Troops and Crews in the NED with critical information communicated with appropriate advance notice so that your unit can take advantage of either Crossroads of America (CAC) and/or NED upcoming programs or events. Secondly, we want to share our learnings from selected activities at the Pack, Troop, Crew or District level that you may have missed. That way, we can learn what works and what didn’t work from each other, and in so doing help you improve your Pack, Troop, or Crew program for the youth you serve!

We will be implementing one additional communication tactic to help keep you informed. On an as needed basis, we will be sending ***Northeast District News Flash*** e-mails to provide you with a quick reminder of upcoming events or deadlines. Please help contribute to our communication efforts by sending your ideas for future articles to your NED Vice Chair for Communications and Marketing, [Mike Chambers](#).

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Good Morning! I hope all of you are doing well.

This is my final day working in the Indianapolis office. After today (and some final work tomorrow), I begin my new role as the District Director for the Wabash Valley District out in Terre Haute.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you, and creating great friendships with many of you the last three years. It really has been a great three years. Three years ago, I was just out of college, and looking to “try out professional Scouting” instead of going to medical school. During that time, I decided that I enjoyed working with all of you so much and enjoyed this “job” that I decided to make it a profession. Over that time, you allowed me to learn, and try new things – and I appreciate that. I could not think of a better place than the Northeast District to learn how to be a District Executive.

During my three years in Northeast, the district was successful, and most of our Packs, Troops, Crews, and our Ship were successful – however that success is attributed to you and all of the work and effort that you put in to ensure that your Scouts had an outstanding program.

Whether you are working on registering your Scouts for summer camp, trying to find a new den leader, recruiting a new Scoutmaster, or waking up at 5am on a campout to ensure the coffee is being made– always remember why you do what you do, and why you volunteered with your Pack, Troop, Crew, or District. Whether that is because of your son, or not – remember the enormous impact that you are having on those Scouts you interact with. Because you are making a difference – I am lucky enough to see and hear those stories on almost a daily basis.

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Troop-Level Recognition

EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Gateway	Troop 462	Troop 133	Troop 446
Campsite Inspection	Troop 100	Troop 236	Troop 276
Cooking	Troop 276	Troop 88	Troop 236
What's Wrong Campsite	Troop 100	Troop 236	Troop 88

Patrol-level Recognition

EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Archery	T462 - Crusaders	T275 - Rising Blazing Big Spare Dogs	T133 - Dragons
Rifle Shooting	T133 - Cobras	T133 - Dragons	T275 - Red Stags
Scout Spirit	T446 - Turtles	T427 - Walking Undead	T275 - Rising Blazing Big Spare Dogs
Tomahawk	T446 - Turtles	T446 - Numba 1's	T236 - Dragons
Bug Out Bag	T446 - Turtles	T236 - TBD	T236 - Dragons
Top Patrol	T441 - "Z" Dogs	T462 - Crusaders	T446 - Turtles

Individual Recognition

EVENT	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
Archery	Alec Houston (T275)	Matt Wessler (T88)	Logan Shumacker (T157)
Rifle Shooting	Jackson Porter (T133)	Alec Houston (T275)	Spencer King (T446)
Tomahawk	Jacob Swift (T236)	Jackson Porter (T133)	Will Arenz (T446)
Overall Shooting	Alec Houston (T275)		

No wrap-up of the Spring Camporee would be complete without a **BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE** for Northeast District's own Crew 317. They were responsible for the planning and implementation of this outstanding event, so the next time you see Kevin Spangler, or member of Crew 317 take the time to say **THANK YOU!**

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CUB SCOUTS – Crossroads of America Council offers three summer Cub Scout programs:

- (1) [Belzer Day Camp](#) runs for 6-weeks between early June and the end of July
- (2) District Day Camps are offered at [Bear Creek](#) (Connersville), [Kikthawenund](#) (Frankton), [Red Wing](#) (Muncie), [Wildwood](#) (Terre Haute), [Pathfinder Day Camp](#) (Trafalgar) and [Rotary Day Camp](#) (Crawfordville).
- (3) [Adventure Camp](#) – is a resident camp offered over 8-weeks at Camp Kikthawenund. The first four sessions in June is structured for Webelos only; the four sessions in July are open to Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts.

BOY SCOUTS/CREWS/SHIPS – Crossroads of America Council offers 8-weeks of weeklong Summer Camps at both [Camp Krietenstein](#) and [Ransburg Scout Reservation](#). Both offer Scouts and Troops the opportunity to focus on rank advancement, merit badges, Firecrafter activities and of course FUN!

INDIVIDUAL SCOUT – For Scouts who either cannot attend Summer Camp with their Troops, or did not get enough Scouting with only one week of camp, the Crossroads of America Council also offers additional opportunities for rank advancement (up to First Class), merit badges, and Youth Leadership Development camps. [Baden Powell Merit Badge](#) and [Dan Beard First Class](#) Camps are both day camps offered at Camp Belzer over a six-week span. In addition, there are two opportunities to attend [NYLT/White Stag](#) Leadership Development at Camp Red Wing over the summer.

We certainly hope that every Scout has the opportunity to have one or more Summer Camp experiences this year!

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The most important date to be aware of is....**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27!!!!** This is the Council-wide date for Cub-Scout School Sign-up Night. There will be extensive multi-outlet media focused on alerting Indiana families that they can go to their local school on **Thursday, August 27** to sign up for scouting. What does that mean for you as a Cub Scout leader or parent? Your

pack will need “all hands on deck” to make this a successful evening. Ahead of that evening your NE District Membership team will provide you with school flyers, yard signs, and a school boy talk. In order to be prepared to support and promote your team for that night and over the summer, please send the following information to [Terry Prather](#) or [Steve Creason](#) before school is out this spring if a pack representative did not submit this information at the May Roundtable

1. First Pack Meeting / parent orientation meeting date (should be approximately 1 week after sign-up night.
2. Reconfirm pack costs for fall sign-up
3. Names of two volunteers PER elementary school that your pack draws from that will be in charge of that school's sign-up event (Your Pack Recruiting Coordinator should organize this)

Once you have recruited the new families at sign-up night, the Council and District are there to support you with activities to help all scouts “Launch into Scouting” with fun right away. At your annual planning meeting this spring or summer, be sure that you include these important dates on your calendar:

- **July 16:** Pack Recruiting Chair or representative attend the District Rally at Victory Field
- First den meeting night (one week after first pack meeting)
- **Sept 9:** Roundtable for Leaders (pick-up the rocket engines)
- **Sept. 12:** District Rocket launch at Camp Belzer
- **Oct. 9-10** or **Oct. 16-17** or **Oct. 17-18:** Attend a Family campout sponsored by CAC

Your NED Membership Team is looking forward to working with you throughout the summer and into the fall to launch your pack into your best year ever! More tips, information, and support will be coming your way in the next three issues of ***The Northeast District Monthly Gazette!***

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Check out the link above for downloadable Pack, Troop and Crew planning resources. And come to the Open House and visit with community partners to learn about opportunities for your unit's year. Door prizes, sponsor discounts and more will be offered throughout the day. Join us for a great time!

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