



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

A Publication of the Crossroads of America Council, BSA – Northeast District

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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 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 (11:00 AM)
[Cookout on the Circle](#)
- Jun 18 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Jun 22-27
[Baden Powell Wk 3](#)
- Jun 22-27
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- July 5, 2015 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Jul 6-10
[Baden Powell Wk 4](#)
- Jul 6-10
[Dan Beard Wk 4](#)
- July 8 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
- Jul 12-17
[NYLT White Stag](#)
- Jul 13-18
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- Jul 13-18
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- July 15
NED Commissioners Mtg
- July 15-16
Yard Sign Distribution

In the Next 60 Days

- July 16 (6:30 PM)
[Cub Recruiting Rally](#)
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- Jul 16 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Aug 4 (6:00 PM)
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- Aug 5 (7:00 PM)
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- Aug 7-23
Indiana State Fair

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- Aug 8
[Chaplain Training – Part III](#)
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- Aug 19 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
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NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Aug 22
[Chaplain Training – Part IV](#)
- Aug 22-24
[Wood Badge – Session 1](#)
- Aug 27
Cub Sign-up Night!
- Aug 30-Sep 4
Cub New Parent Orient.
- Sep 1
Initial Popcorn Order Due
- Sep 1 (6:00 PM)
[Cub Ldr Specific Training](#)
- Sep 2 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Sep 3 (7:00 PM)
[MB Councilor Training](#)
- Sep 6, 2015 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Sep 8 (6:00 PM)
[Cub Ldr Specific Training](#)
- Sep 9 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
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- Sep 12 (9:00 AM)
[Outdoor Ldr Skills/BALOO](#)
- Sep 12-13
[Voyageur Weekend 1](#)

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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First and foremost, thank you for your commitment to Scouting and for all you are doing for the youth in our community. I'm excited to get started and to hear about the things that make your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship GO. I write this message on my third day with the Council and I am excited because I continue to hear the same comment from several folks, "You have a great District with great volunteers." It feels really good to hear such positive comments and I look forward to seeing these great things first hand.

A little bit about me...I grew up in the Northeast District attending St. Pius X and Bishop Chatard High School. I graduated from IUPUI with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. I come to you from Trail's End where I partnered with several Councils, including Crossroads of America, for the past 6 years to help each one reach their popcorn goals. My wife, Catie, and I currently live in Noblesville with our four children – Patrick (7), Leo (5), William (3) and Annie (nearly 2). Patrick is a Cub Scout in Pack 116 (Hazel Dell Elementary) and his two younger brothers cannot wait to join the Pack...they loved Pinewood Derby!



Now that you know a little about me, I am very much interested in listening and learning about you. The Northeast District is healthy and growing and I want to make sure we continue to be successful. Please do not hesitate to contact me (number below) with anything you need, day or night.

I look forward to becoming a part of the Northeast District and serving each of you to the best of my ability!

See you soon,

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What can YOU do at the pack level to maximize your summer time?

- Hold some **fun pack events** and invite friends! Scouting is FUN first!
- Look for **community events** to participate in as a pack (service and visibility) or set-up a promotional booth (parade, church festival, neighborhood event, and more!)

- Get to know **new parents** from spring recruiting while sitting at the BB range and camp and possibly discover a new den leader or volunteer for fall. The more leaders you have in place now (especially Tigers), the smoother your fall will be!
- Look over the **Key Dates** (below) and be sure to coordinate them with your pack calendar to take advantage of all the FUN that the council is providing you.
- Check out this **new resource** from BSA national for recruiting and creating promotional materials. Videos can be used to share with friends and new families or to promote at school or community events. Many resources ripe for the picking!
Marketing and Membership Hub: <http://scoutingwire.org/marketing-membership/>
- Plan to have your Pack Recruiting Chair or representative attend the rally on July 16 at Victory field. Watch for details coming soon!



Key Dates in Review

April

Roundtable topic - Unit Program Planning

May

Roundtable topic - Fall Recruiting plan

June

Ideal Year of Scouting (6th)

July

Recruitment Rallies & Yard sign distribution (15th & 16th)

August 27th

Sign-up Night

- **Applications & Fees Collected from parents**
- **Applications & Fees turned in to district headquarters**

August 30th – Sept 5th

Parent Orientation meetings

September

Popcorn Store Front Sales Order Due (1st)

Popcorn Take Order Begins (4th)

District Rocket Launch events (12th)

Pack & Den Meetings occur

Popcorn Distribution (15th – 18th)

Store Front Popcorn Sale Begins (19th)

October

Recharter begins (1st)

Family Camp – Red Wing (10th & 11th)

Family Camp – Krietenstein (16th & 17th)

Family Camp – Krietenstein (17th & 18th)

Family Camp – IMS (17th & 18th)

Popcorn sale ends (18th)

Popcorn Return Day (27th)

November

Popcorn Distribution (10th – 14th)

Recharters Due (30th)

December

Popcorn payments Due (4th)

See you soon at a fun summer event near you!

Your NE District Membership Team:

[Steve Creason](#) and [Terry Prather](#)

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A successful unit Popcorn Kernel does not work alone! He/she should recruit one to two other adults to help with your unit's popcorn sales activities. The Popcorn Kernel will also work closely with the unit committee to develop a unit sales goal that can be allocated to each scout in the unit. I believe that successful entrepreneur Sam Walton said it best "High expectations are the key to everything."

Once a goal is established, the Popcorn Kernel should formulate a popcorn sales plan that includes making good use of the five methods of selling popcorn: "Show and Sell", "Show and

Deliver”, On-line, Corporate Sales and “Take Orders.” It will also be important for the Popcorn Kernel to formulate a timeline of when all order forms and popcorn monies will be due to the Popcorn Kernel and communicate...communicate....communicate.

While this may sound daunting, your unit Popcorn Kernel is not alone! The Northeast District Popcorn Kernel (and support organization) is here to assist your unit so that you can have successful popcorn sales. The first assistance comes in the form of Popcorn Kernel Training. This will occur on **Thursday, August 13, 2015** at Camp Belzer beginning at 6:30 PM. More details on this year’s popcorn sales will follow. For now, make sure that you have a unit Popcorn Kernel and make sure that he/she is holding this date for our Northeast District Popcorn Kernel Training! For questions, please contact [Jenny Mondy](#) at 317- 413-8034. Stay tuned to future issues of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette* for more information.

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First, some background. All on-line scouting-related training is available 24/7/365 via a website, www.MyScouting.org. Once on this site, you will need to set-up an account using your BSA registration number. This will allow all completed on-line training to automatically be added to your training records. Many face-to-face training opportunities are offered by the Crossroads of America Council, BSA. All of these face-to-face training offerings are secured on-line as well; click on the identified training opportunity in our council’s [calendar](#) of events, register on-line, and attend to complete the selected training.

There are three core on-line courses on www.MyScouting.org that all new leaders are required to complete. The first is **Fast Start Training** (specific offerings for Cub Scout leader, Boy Scout leader, or Venturing crew leader). The next course is **This Is Scouting**, which provides an overview of the Scouting organization, including history, values, programs, Youth Protection, community involvement and training. Both of these offerings need only be taken once. The last core on-line course that is required for all adult leadership positions, regardless of whether you are in a pack, troop, crew or ship, is [Youth Protection Training](#). **Every registered adult leader must successfully re-take this course once every two-years.** Once you have completed these core training courses, you are ready to move into unit/role specific basic training.

CUB SCOUTING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Cub Scout Leader Specifics are also on-line and may be taken that way. Each specific position in Cub Scouts has its own specific training module; Tiger Cub Den Leader and Assistant Tiger Cub Den Leader, Cub Scout Den Leader and Assistant Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster, Pack Committee (including the committee chair) and Pack Trainer.

If you would prefer to take the face-to-face course, you are in luck! Crossroads of America Council, BSA is offering a three-hour, all-inclusive [Cub Scouting Leader Specific](#) face-to-face training opportunity at the Golden-Burke Scout Center nine times during August-November 2015 (you only need to attend one session to fulfill this required training). This course covers the specialized knowledge a leader needs to assume a Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader, Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster, Pack Trainer, Committee Chair, or any Committee Member roles. The scheduled dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 6-9 PM

- Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, September 8, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 6-9 PM
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 6-9 PM

In addition, for a pack to overnight camp, at least one adult leader must successfully complete [BALOO](#) training. This course covers everything you need to know to make your pack overnigher a fun, success and BSA-approved event. Here again, you are in luck as Crossroads of America Council, BSA is going to offer this one-day face-to-face course at the Golden-Burke Scout Center (you won't want to miss this). The date when this will be offered is Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9 AM to 5 PM

BOY SCOUTING LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

The basic training required to be a Boy Scout leader depends on the leadership position held. For **Scoutmaster** and **Assistant Scoutmaster** positions, there are two face-to-face training parts required, the first is the four hour "Scoutmaster Specific Training" course and then "[Intro to Outdoor Leader](#)" training is required (see above for Crossroads of America, BSA course offering). For **Troop Committee members**, completion of the on-line Troop Committee Challenge course is required. In this course, committee members learn about their roles and responsibilities and how to work together. This is offered on-line at www.MyScouting.org.

VENTURING & SEA SCOUTS LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

The basic training required to be a Venturing/Sea Scout leader also depends on the leader position held. For **Advisor/Assistant Advisor** or **Sea Scout Adult Leaders/Assistant Leaders**, the face-to-face Venture Advisor Position-Specific training is required. For **Venture/Ship Crew Committee members**, completion of the on-line Crew Committee Challenge course is required. In this course, committee members learn about their roles and responsibilities and how to work together. This is offered on-line at www.MyScouting.org.

This covers the basics...in a future article we will review special/advanced training that may also be needed to implement a safe, fun and BSA-approved events.

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WHAT AND WHERE: The Winter Sports Complex (<http://www.msports.org/>) located inside Muskegon State Park offers a number of winter-time activities. They include ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, as well as opportunities to make downhill runs on the only luge track in the United States open to the public. You might remember that this activity and location was highlighted in the article [Too Fast for Fear](#) published in Jan-Feb 2008 issue of Scouting Magazine (<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0801/a-luge.html>).

WHERE TO STAY: There are two Boy Scout Camps with cabins located close to Muskegon, MI. The first is Camp Owassippe located at 9900 Russell Road, Twin Lake, MI. To inquire about cabin

availability at Camp Owassippe, contact the Chicago Area Council, BSA (www.chicagobsa.org) Camping Department at 312-421-8800 ext. 226. The second is Gerber Scout Camp located at 1733 Owassippe Road, Twin Lake, MI. To inquire about cabin availability at Gerber Scout Camp, contact the Gerald R. Ford Council, BSA (<http://www.bsagrfc.org/>) at 1-888-BSA-GRFC.

WHEN: The Winter Sports Complex is highly dependent on winter weather being present to operate. They will accept luge reservations in January and February. As luge run slots are limited, it is a good idea to reserve slots as early as possible. You can contact the Winter Sports Complex at 1-877-879-5843. Please note that you must pre-pay for luge slots, with this pre-payment being non-refundable. Based on experience, it is strongly suggest that you start planning this trip early due to limited cabin availability and collect the non-refundable luge costs from participants prior to reserving slots (if possible).

COST: This is a relatively high cost outing for a Troop or Crew. The cost associated with a two and one-half-hour “learn to luge” slot is \$45.00 per person. The rates for renting cross-country ski equipment, snowshoes, and ice skates are reasonable (see Winter Sports Complex website). In the past, they offered a “package deal” for those who wanted to try other winter sports beyond the luge. Please note that there will be a park entrance fee per car assessed at the gate of the Muskegon State Park.

We would love to hear about your experience at the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex!

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