



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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“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

- Sep 16 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Sep 16 (7:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Trng](#)
- Sep 17 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Sep 19
Popcorn Storefront Begin
- Sep 19-21
[Wood Badge – Session 2](#)
- Sep 25-26
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- Sep 26 (2:00 – 5:00 PM)
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- Sep 30
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- Sep 30
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- Sep 30
[Friend of Eagle Nomination Due](#)
- Oct 1, 2015
W.J. Schuchmann Award Due
- Oct 1
NED Re-Charter Begins
- Oct 1 (7:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Trng](#)
- Oct 4, 2015 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Oct 7 (6:00 PM)
Re-Charter Help Session
- Oct 7 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 10, 2015 (9:00 – 4:30 PM)
Catholic Scout Retreat
- Oct 10 (2:00 – 5:00 PM)
[WD9BSA On-the-Air](#)
- Oct 14 (6:00 PM)
Re-Charter Help Session
- Oct 14 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
- Oct 15 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs

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- Oct 16-18
NED Fall Camporee
- Oct 21 (6:00 PM)
Re-Charter Help Session
- Oct 21 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Oct 28 (By Appt.)
Unit Re-Charter Turn-in
- Oct 31 (By Appt.)
Unit Re-Charter Turn-in
- Nov 4 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Nov 4 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Nov 5 (7:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Trng](#)
- Nov 11 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
- Nov 14 (2:00 – 5:00 PM)
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- Nov 18 (7:00 PM)
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[MB Counselor Trng](#)
- Nov 19 (6:30 PM)
NED OA/Firecrafter Mtgs
- Dec 2 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Dec 3 (7:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Trng](#)
- Dec 6 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Dec 9 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
- Dec 12 (2:00 – 5:00 PM)
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- Dec 14
FOS Governor's Luncheon

Who Can I Contact

Do you have feedback on the current issue?

Do you have ideas for news items in a future issue of

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Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

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A big **THANK YOU** to all of the Scout and adult volunteers who donated their time on Saturday to make this a **GREAT EXPERIENCE** for our new Cub Scouts. We could not have done it without you!

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1. Sit down with your Scout and write down 10 names of people you know will say yes if asked to buy.
2. Start with those 10 people and by the time you are done, you will likely have \$200 in sales and your Scout will be excited by hearing so many yeses.
3. Then pick a few evenings to knock on doors, make sure you ask family and friends, and add some storefront sales.
4. By the time you done, you should be well on your way to funding your Scouting adventures.

Congratulations to all of our Scouts who participated in the two-week take order blitz and sold \$350+ in the first two weeks (Sept 4-18)! As a reminder, every Scout who earned the blitz prize needs to submit the [blitz prize order form](#), with a copy of the popcorn order form, to popcorn@crossroadsbsa.org or fax to (317) 813-7126 by Monday, September 24, at 5:00pm.

Popcorn trucks from Trail's End are arriving in the next couple days and storefront sales will begin soon! Storefront sales are a great way for Scouts to sell as a group and for new Scouts to listen/learn from Scouts who have sold before! Here are some best practices to boost your storefront sales:

- Make sure your Scouts are in full uniform
- Make sure they are standing in front of the table, scheduling 2-3 Scouts per shift is recommended
- Accept credit card payments using Square to overcome "no cash" objections
- Always say thank you regardless of whether or not someone buys
- Look for other ways to engage in conversation (dogs, bumper stickers, sports t-shirts)
- Stack boxes (including empty boxes) on the table to make a display and do not block doorways into the store.

If you follow this plan, you will spend less time fundraising throughout the year and more time enjoying Scouting! Let's show the community that Scouting is alive and well by asking our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, church congregation, etc. to support your Scouting adventures. We would like to hear from you... who already earned the Red Rider BB Gun for selling \$750?, who sold \$350 in the first two weeks?, which products are selling?, etc.? Please send your feedback to [Jenny Mondy](#). The first person who sends feedback on their popcorn sales to Jenny will receive a \$25 Visa gift card.

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One of the key enablers to a successful re-charter is to "lay out the rules" and "communicate" to make sure that everyone understands them. Effectively communicating the **WHAT, WHEN, WHO** and **WHY** of re-charter will go a long way to making the re-charter process as painless as possible. Let's take what you need to communicate one at a time:

- **WHAT = UNIT RE-CHARTER.** While this may seem straight forward, but don't forget to include all components that each re-chartering family needs to know (1) communicate their commitment, (2) submit required fees, and (3) complete and submit documentation of all required training is up-to-date to *WHOM* by *WHEN*.
- **WHEN = ESTABLISH DEADLINES.** While the deadline that your unit must submit your re-charter package to the Crossroads of America Council, BSA is set in stone (**Saturday, October 31, 2015**), consider establishing a unit re-charter deadline a minimum of **two-weeks ahead** of the submission date. This will do three things – it will give your volunteers time to (1) accurately complete all on-line database entries for your unit, (2) connect with any current unit members who are delinquent with a commitment, fees or training prior to the turn-in deadline, and (3) obtain all needed signatures on the paperwork that will need to be submitted.
- **WHO = IDENTIFY YOUR RE-CHARTER TEAM.** Make sure that let all unit members know who the volunteers are running unit re-charter for your unit. That way, when they are contacted by a unit re-charter volunteer they will understand their focus (re-charter commitment, fee collection, or training).
- **WHY = WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM.** It is always best to "motivate them and reward them" to make your unit re-charter activities go smoothly. The key "what's in it for them" for all unit members is the ability to remain active with your unit without having to

complete yet another BSA application!

One final suggestion to help with unit re-charter at this stage in the process – we hope that you have taken advantage of the [Northeast District Re-Charter Training](#) Session. You can also contact your unit commissioner or your District Executive, [Adam Walden](#) for help. Stay tuned...next month we will focus on the final steps in the unit re-charter turn-in process.

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Patrols will spend their weekend racing from elimination, completing challenges throughout camp with scout-skill based activities, and ultimately being the champions at the Saturday night campfire program! Does your patrol have what it takes to be the ultimate Amazing Race Champion? Some of the challenges may include ropes and knots, fire building, first aid, nature, and many other fun events! Download a copy of the [schedule, rules and scoring sheets](#). Now is the time to prepare!

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WD9BSA is open for general operation on the second Saturday of the month from September through June. They welcome scouts of all ages, from Tiger Cubs through Venture Scouts. They also have sponsored Amateur Radio License Classes and provide Free License Testing to Scouts wanting their Amateur Radio License. Any Scouts visiting the station may operate the station and try to contact other amateur radio operators around the world under the supervision of the Hams at the station. Any Crossroads of America Council, BSA Scout Unit may also contact us for special programs, demonstrations, and Radio Merit Badge (as well as any Scouting related communications requirements).

There are two special events planned in the next couple of months for WD9BSA:

- On **Saturday, September 26, 2015** from **2:00 PM until 5:00 PM**, WD9BSA will host an **Open House** for Scouts interested in joining a new Venturing Crew to operate around the Core Station at Camp Belzer. Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 are encouraged to attend the open house and learn about the wonderful world of Amateur Radio, join the new Crew and begin what usually becomes a lifelong interest in a great hobby and service to the nation.
- WD9BSA will also participate in the International Scout Amateur Radio Event called [Jamboree On The Air \(JOTA\)](#) over the **October 16-18, 2015** week-end (come spend a couple of nights at Camp Belzer..nights on the air are great)!

For more information on WD9BSA, please contact [Tom O'Nan](#).

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The retreat will be held at St. Lawrence Parish (6944 E. 46th Street) from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, followed by a 5:00 PM Mass. A registration fee of \$10.00 per Scout covers a patch, lunch, and craft supplies. While walk-ins on the day of the retreat will be welcome, please pre-register by **October 1, 2015** to help with a headcount for food. The sign-up form is attached to this distribution of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*.

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WHERE: [Fort Harrison State Park](#) is located at 6000 N. Post Road in Indianapolis. Activities offered here include:

- Nature Center/[Interpretive Naturalist Services](#)
- Shelters – one equipped with a fireplace ([Shelter Reservations](#))
- Picnicking
- Close to 9-miles of Hiking Trails / Multi-use Trail (paved)
- Bicycle Trail
- Fishing
- [Saddle Barn](#) w/horse trail rides, hay rides <http://www.hoosiertrailrides.com/>, (317) 541-1866
- Ice Fishing
- Sledding hill and cross-country skiing

WHEN: Patrons may enjoy visiting the park year round, especially in winter since Fort Harrison features one of the biggest sledding hills in the area. Spring is the season to walk with the woodland wildflowers in full bloom across the park. Summer is the perfect time for a canoe trip down Fall Creek, the major water feature that runs through the north side of Fort Harrison. Autumn brings warm, sunny days and breathtaking fall colors. The Fort Harrison website also invites patrons to stop by their Visitor Center on **Saturdays at 2 PM** to speak with one of their Interpretative Naturalists. If you wish to interact with the park’s Interpretive Naturalist, it is strongly suggested that you contact the Visitor Center (317-591-0122) to confirm availability before bringing your Pack/Den for a visit.

COST: This is a low cost outing; as with all State Parks there are various options to pay the per vehicle [entrance fee](#) to the park.

Tell us about your outing to Fort Benjamin Harrison by posting on the [Northeast District Facebook](#) page!

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