



# The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### In the Next 30 Days

- Aug 17, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Aug 20, 2016 (9 AM – 2 PM)  
[Den Chief Training](#)
- Aug 25, 2016  
Cub Scout Sign-up Night
- Aug 28, 2016 (8 AM- 7 PM)  
[Outdoor Leader Skills Training](#)
- Aug 28, 2016  
Initial Popcorn Order Due  
[On-line](#)
- Sep 1, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Sep 3-4, 2016  
[Tecumseh Lodge POW WOW](#)
- Sep 6, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)  
[First Aid Training](#)
- Sep 7, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Sep 10, 2016 (10 AM– 2 PM)  
NED Rocket Launch
- Sep 11, 2016 (3:30 PM)

## Can You Believe It...Cub Scout Sign-Up Night Is Here!

The wait is over...**Cub Scout Sign-up Night (Thursday, August 25, 2016)** is less than 10-days away! Now is the time for all of your planning to come together and make sure that every young Cub Scout-age boy at our elementary schools has the opportunity to join a Pack. Prior to sign-up night, you should likely re-confirm that sufficient adult volunteers from your Pack will be at the school on Sign-Up Night to handle parent inquiries; it would also be good to confirm that you have older Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts available to answer questions from the Cub Scouts to be, while the parents complete the sign-up paperwork. Don't forget that you will need to bring the sign-up paperwork and fees that you collect to the **Golden-Burke Scout Center** at the conclusion of your sign-up night activities. Your Northeast District membership team will be there to collect these and complete the registration activities for new Cub Scouts and their parents.

And don't forget that the Northeast District is planning a special event to help "rocket" the new Scouts and their parents into the fun that is Cub Scouts! Like last year, the Northeast District will host our own **Rocket Launch** at Camp Belzer on Saturday, September 10, 2016. The Rocket Launch will run from 10 AM to 2 PM. In addition to the actual rocket launches, we are planning a rain gutter regatta, water bottle launches, and hopefully will have both the BB and Archery Ranges open for business and more! Don't hesitate to contact [Terry Prather](#) or [Jay German](#) if you have any questions.

## Silver Beaver, Friend of Eagle and Eagle to Eagle Nominations Due

Dwayne Wade, noted basketball player for the Miami Heat probably captured the feelings of adult volunteers regarding their commitment to Scouting when he said *"The thing is, I don't do these things for recognition...I do them because those things make me whole and complete"*. That said, we have a number of nomination deadlines approaching (**September 30, 2015**) where we have the opportunity to recognize adult volunteers for their outstanding service. So what Scouting Awards are we talking about?

**SILVER BEAVER AWARD** – The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. It is given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

To nominate a deserving Scouter for the Silver Beaver Award, please download the [nomination form](#), complete it and send it to [council@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:council@crossroadsbsa.org) by the deadline. Please follow the directions on the application form. This application will be reviewed by a selection committee; the committee will not know the name of the nominee or the name of the nominator. Selections will be based only on the information provided on the application.

The CAC also created a pair of unique Council-wide recognitions for adults who have provided assistance to Scouts on their journey to the rank of Eagle. The first is the **EAGLE TO EAGLE AWARD** presented annually to an Eagle Scout, who, as an adult, is now serving our youth as an active adult volunteer in a Scout troop or Venturing Crew. The **FRIEND OF EAGLE AWARD** honors a non-Eagle adult volunteer who activity assists Scouts on the trail to Eagle. To nominate a Scouter for either award, please download the [Eagle to Eagle](#) Award nomination form and for the [Friend of Eagle](#) nomination form, please download a copy of the nomination form. Complete the appropriate form(s) and send them to [council@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:council@crossroadsbsa.org) by the established deadline.

## NED Eagle BoRs

- Sep 14, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables

### In the Next 60 Days

- Sep 17, 2016  
Popcorn Sales Begin!
- Sep 17-21, 2016  
Popcorn Sales Blitz Days
- Sep 21, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Sep 21, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Committee Mtg
- Sep 24, 2016 (8 AM - 12 PM)  
[Cub Scout Leader Training](#)
- Sep 30, 2016 (by 5 PM)  
Submit Popcorn Sales Blitz Day  
Prize Order form to Council
- Sep 30-Oct 2, 2016  
NED Fall Camporee
- Oct 2, 2016 (3:30 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Oct 3, 2016 (6:00–9:00 PM)  
[CPR/AED Training](#)
- Oct 4, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)  
[First Aid Training](#)
- Oct 5, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 6, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Oct 12, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables
- October 15, 2016  
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### In the Next 90 Days

- Oct 19, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 26, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
Re-Charter Turn-in (by appt.)
- Oct 29, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
Re-Charter Turn-in (by appt.)
- Nov 1, 2016 (6:00–9:00 PM)  
[CPR/AED Training](#)
- Nov 2, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Committee Mtg

Let's take advantage of this opportunity to nominate our best Scouters for these distinguished recognitions. For more information about these awards, please contact Karrie Schlegel at (317) 813-7068 or by [email](#).

## Council-Level Scout Recognition Deadline Also Approaching

Do you have a Scout in your unit that has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities? If so, you will have an opportunity before **September 30, 2016** to nominate them for the **Walter J. Schuchmann Leadership Award**. Read on to see if you have a Scout who should be nominated.

Each Scout being nominated must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Currently serving in a position of leadership in his troop;
2. At least First Class in rank;
3. Have served in a leadership role for at least six months;
4. Have not reached his 18th birthday prior to November 11 of the year that the Scout applies for the award.

If selected, the Scout will be presented this award at the Veterans Day Banquet, typically held on November 11 of each year. Nominations for this award must be submitted to the Crossroads of America Council, BSA (CAC) office by the deadline to be considered. To nominate a deserving Scout, please download the Walter J. Schuchmann Leadership Award [nomination form](#), complete it and send your nomination(s) to CAC by the established deadline. For more information about these awards, please contact Karrie Schlegel at (317) 813-7068 or by [email](#).

## NESA Eagle Scout Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

Do you know a young man who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout who could use some financial assistance for college? If so, then the [National Eagle Scout Association](#) may be a possible source for scholarships. The National Eagle Scout Association offers [two types of Eagle Scout scholarships](#):

- **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS** – These scholarships are based on school and Scouting participation, academic performance, and financial need. Applicants must score a minimum 1800 SAT (if taken before January, 2016), 1290 (if taken after March, 2016), or 28 ACT to apply. NESA academic scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts applying during their senior year of high school. Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held after October 31 of their senior year may apply during the next scholarship cycle in the following year even though they may be in college by this time. Winners may receive a scholarship one time only.
- **MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS** – These scholarships are based on school and Scouting participation, and community service. NESA merit scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school or undergraduate college students no farther than completion of the junior year. Recipients may receive the scholarship one time only.

The 2016 NESA scholarship cycle opened on **August 1, 2016**, with a deadline of **October 31, 2016**. Recipients will be notified by mail on July 15, 2017. All NESA [scholarship applications](#) must be submitted online. Please note that according to the NESA website, over 5,000 NESA scholarship applications are received annually and fewer than 200 are awarded, so the competition is stiff. Good luck!

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## Unit Re-Charter is Just Around the Corner (Part 1 of 3)

Yep...everyone's favorite annual activity is fast approaching! You guessed it, its annual unit re-charter time! You guessed it...we are less than 70-days away from the deadline to turn-in your unit's annual re-charter documents. Over the next three issues of *The Northeast District*

- Nov 3, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Nov 6, 2015 (3:30 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Nov 9, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables

### 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](#)

**Monthly Gazette** we will share best practices for a successful unit re-charter. Let's get started.

The first step to a successful unit re-charter is to secure **sufficient help from adults** affiliated with your unit. While the tasks that need to be completed are well defined and relatively straight forward, working the tasks through your unit is best accomplished by a small team of dedicated, well-trained volunteers. This will allow you to divide the tasks and conquer them in parallel. There are three main areas of the re-charter process that need to be effectively staffed to assure a successful and relatively painless re-charter process:

1. Every unit will need a focal point to obtain a **re-charter commitment** from members of your unit that wish to "re-up" for another year of scouting with your unit. Part of the re-charter commitment will require the collection and tracking of required annual BSA re-charter and Crossroads of America, BSA insurance fees. Some units also use this effort to collect annual activity fees; if so this will also need to be collected and tracked. Failure to have the correct fees available when the re-charter documents are turned in will result in the unit not being re-chartered.
  - If your unit adds new members during the **re-charter commitment** period (or on the August 25, 2016 Cub Scout sign-up night), it is a good idea to get the new Scout applications signed and turned into the Registrar at Golden-Burke Scout Center ASAP. This also applies to new adult members of your unit; however with adults, in addition to the application, make sure and attach proof that Youth Protection Training has been successfully completed. Getting all new Scouts and Scouters on your Troop register ahead of the re-charter activity will reduce the number of new Scouts and Scouters that you will have to add manually to the BSA database prior to your re-charter turn-in day.
2. A key component to a successful re-charter for adults will be a focal point to **assure that Youth Protection Training (YPT) is current** for all re-chartering adult members. A team member focused on identifying adults who need to re-take Youth Protection Training (YPT) prior to the re-charter deadline and then "bird dogging" them to make sure that it is completed and in the system before re-charter submission will be needed. Adults attempting to re-charter without having valid YPT will be dropped from the unit!
3. The final area of focus for unit re-charter is the completion of **Journey to Excellence (JTE) documents** for the unit. Completing JTE documents will likely take time to find all of the information needed since the last re-chartering process, unless the unit has been tracking the needed data all along. Failure to submit the JTE documents for the unit will result in the unit not being re-chartered.

Now, as most units are re-assembling after the summer, is the best time to secure the volunteers needed for a successful and relatively painless re-charter process! Check back next month for more best practices, or contact your unit commissioner, and/or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) with any re-charter questions that you may have.

## **Don't Miss August Northeast District Training Opportunities**

The Northeast District Training team will be offering two different training session in the next couple of weeks. It's not too late to get in these

Plans for our **Den Chief Training** session have now been finalized. The class will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on **Saturday, August 20, 2016** in the **Wilmeth Room at the Golden-Burke Scout Center**. The cost for the class will be \$5 which will cover pizza delivered for lunch. While the previously declared deadline for sign-up as past, we can accept additional participants. Please have each Scout coming for Den Chief Training bring \$5 (exact change please) to the session. We are looking forward to an interactive Den Chief Training session.

If your unit needs more leaders who have completed **Outdoor Leader Skills** training then you are in luck! Your Northeast District Training Team will offer this day-long training session on **Saturday, August 27, 2016 beginning at 8:00 AM** at **Camp Belzer**. So that we may plan for this

event, please [sign-up on-line](#). Please note that our current plans are to charge \$12.00 per participant to cover course materials, as well as a light breakfast snacks, lunch and dinner! If you have questions about either offering, please contact [Jon Guimont](#).

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## Cub Scout Leader Specific Training Session Scheduled

Just when you thought that the new Northeast District Training team was done, they are offering one more training opportunity! There will be a **Cub Scout Training Workshop** on **Saturday, September 24, 2016** from **8:00am-12:00pm** at the **Golden Burke Scout Center**. Leaders will be able to get **Youth Protection, Pack Committee, & Den Leader Training** in one morning. There will be 3 sessions:

8:00 - 8:45 AM – Youth Protection Training  
9:00 -10:00 AM - Pack Committee Training  
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM - Den Leader Training

Scouters can sign up for all of them or just the sessions they need. Click this [link](#) to sign-up for the session(s) that you need. Please note that while there is no cost for the event, the session sizes will be limited to 24 participants, so it is suggested that you ACT NOW! If you have questions about either offering, please contact [Jon Guimont](#).

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## Northeast District Fall Camporee Approaching

Tower to Northeast District Troops, you are cleared to land on **Camp Kikthawenund** Runway #1 on **Friday, September 30, 2016** and deplane all of your passengers and crew. While your transportation is being serviced for your flight out, you will participate in a fun week-end at the **Northeast District Fall Camporee**! Your transportation will be cleared by the Tower to depart on Camp Kithawenund Runway #1 on **Sunday, October 2, 2016**.

If you haven't figured it out by now, this year's theme for the Fall Camporee will be based on the **Aviation Merit Badge**. More information will be provided as we get closer to touchdown, but for now it is suggested that Troop leadership obtain an Aviation Merit Badge book and review the skills necessary to **BE PREPARED** to pilot your Troop to a safe landing and take-off.

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## Popcorn Sales Update (Part 2 of 3)

Can you believe it, the opening day of Popcorn Sales starts on **September 17, 2016**...which is less than 30-days away...YIKES! There are two behind the scenes activities that need to be taken care of **NOW** to prepare your unit for a successful popcorn selling season. Let's review them in more detail.

### Secure Your "Show-n-Sell" Locations

If you have not completed this before, **NOW** is a great time to secure storefronts for this form of popcorn selling (*if you snooze, you will likely lose out on some great storefront sales locations*). When you speak with a store manager or event coordinator and they agree to let you sell in front of their store / at their event, try to get it in writing. If a signed agreement is not possible, just make sure you capture the manager's name, record the date you spoke and write down his/her phone number. And it's always a good idea to follow up two weeks before the agreed upon date just to be safe. As you look for "Show-n-Sell" locations, consider the following types of locations:

- Hardware stores (Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.)
- Grocery stores (Marsh, Kroger, etc.)
- Department Stores (Walmart, Target, Meijer, etc)
- Drug stores (CVS, Walgreens, etc.)

- Community events (Football games, festivals, etc.)
- Charter Organization events

### **Unit Popcorn Kickoff**

Now is a good time to also plan and conduct your unit popcorn kickoff. This is one of the most important things that the unit Popcorn Kernel can do, as it starts your sales efforts off on the right foot. During the unit popcorn kickoff, the Popcorn Kernel should outline the purpose and structure of the Popcorn Sale. It should be an enthusiastic, exciting, and hands-on start to the sale. Here are some best practices to help you plan your best Kickoff ever:

- Have FUN!
- Try to hold as a stand-alone event (keep it 30-45 minutes)
- Explain to your families “What’s in it for Them”
- Share the key dates of your sale (Show-n-Sell dates, when money is due, etc.)
- Share your budget and program plan with parents
- Present the unit sales goal and per Scout sales goal
- Review the different ways to sell and practice sales pitch with Scouts
- Make sure you go over the Safety Tips (see below)
- Offer door prizes and giveaways (you don’t need to giveaway big ticket items, small dollar store things are perfect)
- Hang posters, streamers, etc. to decorate the room
- Have FUN!

### **Safety Tips**

- NEVER enter anyone's home
- NEVER sell after dark unless you are with an adult
- DON'T carry large amounts of cash with you
- ALWAYS walk on the sidewalk and driveway
- ALWAYS sell with another scout or with an adult

There are tons of resources to help units with Popcorn Sales on the Council [website](#).

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