



# 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"

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### In the Next 30 Days

- Oct 19, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 19, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Re-Charter Help Session
- Oct 20, 2016  
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Oct 21-23, 2016  
Civil War Days @ Camp Belzer
- Oct 22, 2016  
Den Chief Training
- Oct 26, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
Re-Charter Turn-in (by appt.)
- Oct 29, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
Re-Charter Turn-in (by appt.)
- Oct 29, 2016  
[Outdoor Leader Skills](#)
- Nov 1, 2016 (6:00–9:00 PM)  
[CPR/AED Training](#)
- Nov 1, 2016

## Unit Re-Charter (Part 3 of 3)

Just a little over two-weeks until your unit re-charter turn-in date. If you haven't started the re-charter process within your unit yet, **NOW IS THE TIME TO PANIC...** just kidding! There is still time, but it will require great focus. The final two-weeks prior to turning in your re-charter paperwork will require the same approach as General Colin Powell used when he led Operation Desert Storm in 1991... "Never neglect details. When everyone's mind is dulled or distracted, the leader must be doubly vigilant." Let's review a checklist of details that you will need to keep in the front of your mind to successfully complete your unit re-charter.

- Reconcile re-charter commitments, fees collected, and training records for all current/pending new members to your unit. Red flag any issues (i.e., missing fees, Youth Protection Training [YPT], etc.) for immediate follow-up.
- If you are adding any new scouts or adults during unit re-charter, double check all applications for appropriate signatures; don't forget to confirm that all adult applications have provided their social security/driver's license numbers and provided permission for BSA to conduct a background check. Failure to have a completely filled out application will result in those application being "kicked-back" until it is correctly filled out.
- If current YPT is missing for either a re-chartering or new adult member, communicate one final "drop dead" date prior to re-charter turn-in date to members still needing to successfully complete and submit documentation of this on-line training. If the deadline comes and goes without YPT completion, remove them from the re-charter list.
- You will need to schedule a "signing party" for the re-charter documents. All new scout applications will need to be signed by the unit lead (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venture/Ship Crew Advisor); all new adult applications will need to be signed by the Troop Committee Chair AND the Chartered Organization Rep. The actual re-charter documents will need to be signed by the Unit Leader, and the Unit Executive Officer (the designated member of the chartering organization) prior to turn-in and sign-off by our Northeast District Executive.
- On unit's designated re-charter turn-in day and time, bring your signed copy of the unit re-charter paperwork and all new member applications. It is a good idea to attach a paper copy of the confirmation of valid YPT to all new adult member applications; also bring paper copies of the confirmation of successfully completed YPT for all existing members who need to have re-taken YPT prior to re-charter. One final item to bring is a signed blank check to pay your unit re-charter fees (the correct amount will be calculated and communicated to your re-charter lead at the time your unit documents are submitted).

If you have any re-charter questions during this last two weeks before your turn-in date, please don't hesitate to contact your unit commissioner or your District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) for help.

## Soles4Souls – Ideas for Fun Unit Competitions

The start of the [Soles4Souls](#) shoe collection campaign is also just two weeks away! We certainly hope that all units in the Northeast District will participate in this council-wide service project. As mentioned in last month's issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*, Crossroads of America Council, through its 250 units, has a target of collecting 25,000 pairs of shoes to be donated to those in need around the globe. While this provides an opportunity for all Scouts and Scouters to "Do A

Soles4Souls



## Popcorn Orders & Prizes Due

- Nov 1, 2016  
Soles4Souls Collection Begins
- Nov 2, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Committee Mtg
- Nov 3, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Nov 5, 2016  
Den Chief Training
- Nov 6, 2015 (3:30 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Nov 9, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables
- Nov 12, 2016  
[SCOUTStrong 5K](#)
- Nov 12, 2016 (1-7 PM)  
WD9BSA Open House
- Nov 12, 2016  
OA Lodge Banquet

## In the Next 60 Days

- Nov 16, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Nov 16, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Committee Mtg
- Nov 17, 2016  
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Nov 19, 2016  
[Baloo Training – Camp Cullom](#)
- Dec 1, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Dec 2, 2016  
Final Popcorn Payment Due
- Dec 4, 2016 (3:30 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Dec 7, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Planning – Part 1
- Dec 10, 2016 (1-7 PM)  
WD9BSA Open House
- Dec 12, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
FOS Governor's Luncheon
- Dec 14, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables

*Good Turn Daily*”, it also can provide opportunities for fun intra-unit competitions. Here are a few ideas for intra-unit recognitions:

- Recognize the Den/Patrol that collects the most shoes
- Recognize the Den/Patrol that collects the most unusual pair of shoes
- Recognize the Den/Patrol that collects that most colorful pair of shoes
- Recognize the individual Scout/Scouter that collects the most shoes
- Recognize the Scout/Scouter that collects the smallest / largest size pair of shoes

Hopefully, your unit will have some fun while providing an outstanding service to those in need around the globe. If you have any questions about Soles4Souls, please contact [Laura Clay](#) or [Patrick Covell](#) immediately. Let's exceed the council's goal for collecting pre-worn shoes!

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## Den Chief Training Re-Scheduled

Our **Den Chief Training** session has been re-scheduled. The class will now be offered on **Saturday, October 22, 2016**. It will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the **Golden-Burke Scout Center**. This course identifies Den Chief responsibilities and tasks, and describes the Den Chief's relationship to the adult Den Leaders and how that relates to the Den Chief's activities with the den. It will also give practical examples and ideas that the Den Chief will be able to use with their den. This course is a pre-requisite for those Scouts who wish to serve in this unit leadership capacity. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and covers course materials and pizza for lunch. It is not too late to [sign-up online](#) for this session.



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## Adult Leader Training Available – Your Action Needed Now!

Are you looking to conduct some outdoor activities with your Cub Scout Pack but your unit is lacking appropriately trained adults? According to Boy Scout policy, every Pack should have at least one adult on a Pack overnighter that has completed **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training**. BALOO is a one-day course designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for those leaders and will focus on BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies, along with the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. If your unit needs to add BALOO-trained adult leaders, the Northeast District Training team has scheduled the learning opportunity that is “just what the doctor” ordered”.



A **BALOO Training Session** is now scheduled for **Saturday, November 5, 2016** at the **Camp Belzer Activity Center** from **8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**. The cost is \$5 per person and covers course materials and food. Please note that this course is limited to 24 participants. To guarantee a spot, [sign-up online](#) by **Monday, October 31, 2016**.

In addition, the Northeast District Training Team is also willing to go on the road! Are all of your **Cub Scout Den Leaders** and/or **Pack Committee Members** trained for their roles? If not, and you want to join the ranks of 100% trained units, contact John Guimont via [e-mail](#) or cell phone at 317-250-3323. He will be glad to schedule a training session just for you, or in combination with another pack (5 people minimum). Let's make sure that every unit has received the required training to deliver a fun and safe Scouting experience for our youth.

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## In the Next 90 Days

- Dec 15, 2016  
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Dec 21, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Jan 7, 2017  
Firecrafter Dinner
- Jan 11, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Round Tables
- Jan 14, 2017 (8 AM – 5 PM)  
[University of Scouting](#)
- Jan 14, 2017 (1-7 PM)  
WD9BSA Open House

## 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](#)

## Northeast District Fall Camporee A Success!!

Over the September 30 to October 2, 2016 weekend, 40 Scouts from Troops 88, 100, 275, 446, and 686 gathered at Camp Kikthawenund for the Northeast District Fall Camporee. During the weekend, the Scouts participated in Aviation Merit Badge-themed activities, including "Air Traffic Control", "Run The Loop", "Go or No-Go", "Pulling G's", "First Aid", "What Can Go Wrong, Will Go Wrong" and "Runway Café". Competitions for Best Gateway (**awarded to Troop 100**), Sportsmanship/Spirit (**awarded to Troop 275**) and Overall Camporee (**awarded to Troop 100; Troops 275 and 686 tied for second place**) were also conducted.

Probably the highlight of the camporee was the surprise emergency mobilization that all scouts participated in. They responded to a mock plane crash on Saturday afternoon alongside members of local emergency response organizations. Checkout photos from this outstanding event.



Congratulations to all who participated in the Northeast District Fall Camporee. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Camporee in 2017!

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## Looking for Some Unique Fun Unit Activities...Look No Further!

Are you looking for some fun activities for your Pack, Troop, Den or Patrol? Then the following community partner activities highlighted on the Council website may be just the ticket for timely fun!

### **BATTLE OF BELZER - October 21 - 23, 2016**

Boy Scout Troops can step back in time for an experience unlike any other at the [Battle of Belzer](#). Eat, sleep, and live a day in the life of a soldier with Civil War Reenactors. Experiences will include hands-on learning of camp life in bivouac areas, military drills, company and battalion assemblies and parades, eating rations, and witnessing cannons and night firings. [Register to attend now!](#)





### **BEWITCHED BELZER BASH - Saturday, October 29, 2016**

Scout groups, families, and community members can gather at Camp Belzer for some spooky fun. There will be a haunted hike, storytelling around the campfire, festive games, candy and food. The scary good times will begin at 5:30 PM and run until 8:00 PM. View the council's [flyer](#) for more information. Admission is just \$10 per car and can be paid at the gate so bring your whole family!



### **RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY OUT OF THIS WORLD! - Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016**

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey return to Bankers Life Fieldhouse to present Out of This World! The Scout package includes a special presentation, The Scout Big Cat Seminar, and a patch in addition to your discounted circus ticket! Doors for the Big Cat Seminar will open at 11:00 AM. Out of This World! begins at 1:00 PM. [Order your tickets online](#) by **November 11, 2016**. Orders after this date will not be accepted.



### **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS vs. HOUSTON TEXANS - Sunday, December 11, 2016**

Scout troops, packs and families are invited to attend the 1:00 PM game at Lucas Oil Stadium. The day will include special tickets offers, post-game field pass, a photo opportunity with your fellow troop members (bring your cameras) and a Boy Scout patch! Order your tickets by **November 11, 2016** using the [order form](#) or [online](#). Pricing chart available [here](#).



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## **Annual SCOUTStrong 5K Is Just Around the Corner!**

It's time once again to walk (or possibly run) the talk "*to keep myself physically strong*"! Yes, it's time once again for the 5th Annual **SCOUTStrong Wilderness Race**. This event will be held at **Camp Belzer** on **Saturday, November 12, 2016** beginning at **9:00 AM**. This year's event includes a 5K run/walk weaving through historic Camp Belzer and a NEW 1-mile family fun run/walk on a fully paved route.



All registered participants will receive a commemorative shirt and each finisher will receive a medal. The unit with the most participants (Scouts, volunteers and family members) will receive the SCOUTStrong unit race trophy! Post-race refreshments will be provided to all participants as well as a medal. Raffle prizes will be available for finishers.

To participate, [register online](#) before November 6, 2016. Registrations received by October 23 are only \$20 per participant (includes a shirt), Registrations between October 24 and November 6 are \$25 per participants (shirts will be available for purchase at an additional cost). Race date registration can also occur, but the cost will be \$30 per participants (a limited supply of shirts will be available for purchase as well). All race proceeds directly support Crossroads of America Council's camp scholarship fund which provides financial assistance to Scouts attending camp. Check out the Crossroads of America ScoutStrong [website](#) for more details.

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## **With Cooler Temperatures Comes Thoughts of Chili!**

With cooler temperatures come great vistas of leaves on hardwood trees in Indiana turning various shades of yellow, gold, red. These cooler temperatures should also bring on thoughts of homemade chili. There will likely be numerous opportunities to cook your favor chili, and there are at least two upcoming opportunities to enter your unit's favorite chili recipe in a friendly competition.

The first will require your unit to ACT FAST! The **Northside Knights of Columbus** (2100 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street) is sponsoring **Chilifest**, a fund raiser to benefit Indy Honor Flight. It will take place on **Sunday, October 23, 2016** at noon. Cost to eat is a \$10.00 per person (veterans and children 8 and under free). There is no charge to enter a chili recipe in this contest, but you must contact Gloria Myers via [e-mail](#) or telephone (317-695-2020) by **Thursday, October 20, 2016**. There is no entry fee to enter the chili contest, and the grand prize chili entry will receive a \$200 grand prize



The second opportunity is the **Great CPC Chili Cook-Off** scheduled for **Saturday, January 28, 2017** at **Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC)** in **McCordsville, IN** (charter organization for Northeast District's Pack and Troop 88). This Chili Cook-Off is unique in that Scouting units in the Northeast District are being offered the opportunity to both compete in the completion AND, based on the profit-sharing approach set-up by the Church, also earn money for the units that compete. It is important to note that this opportunity is a limited one, in that there is only room for 10 units to enter the contest. Sign-up will begin on December 1, 2016, so for now, please mark Saturday, January 28, 2017 on your calendar. You might also want to begin formulating your winning chili recipe. More details about the Great CPC Chili Cook-Off in next month's issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*.

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## Nominate your Unit and Unit Leadership for NED Recognition

I don't know about you, but this year has literally flown by! Halloween is just around the corner; Thanksgiving (and Black Friday) will follow in short order. Then it's Christmas and the arrival of 2017. Before the madness that is the season fully engulfs us all, now would be a great time to reflect on your Scouting experiences in 2016, identify the unit leadership in all roles who have worked hard to deliver the quality Scouting experiences that we have enjoyed and nominate your unit and/or deserving unit leadership for annual Northeast District recognitions. The line-up of potential recognitions include:

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- Cubmaster of the Year
- Scoutmaster of the Year
- Crew/Ship Advisor of the Year
- Pack of the Year
- Troop of the Year
- Crew/Ship of the Year

There are two additional recognitions provided to deserving recipients that require a little more background.

The first are **Golden Spike Awards**. This recognition is granted to registered Scouters in units who continually provide initiative, enthusiasm, and exceptional service to the Scouting units they serve. These Scouters hold the program together and provide the spark to deliver the promise of quality Scouting in packs, troops, crews, teams, ships and the district. Please note that only one nomination per unit will be accepted.

The second is the **District Award of Merit**. This award is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. To be considered, a nominee must be a registered Scouter, must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both. Finally, the nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

So, why don't you take time now to download the [NED Adult Recognition \(PDF\) packet](#), and NOMINATE YOUR UNIT/LEADERS for doing the splendid job for which they are famous.

Nominations will be due no later than **January 11, 2017** at the Northeast District Round Tables, with presentations of these recognitions during the February 2017 District Dinner. Contact [Laura Clay](#) if you have any questions.

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## The NED Recipe Exchange – Mama’s Chili

This month we are introducing a different “flavor” of Northeast District Exchange. Instead of our typical “Outdoor Experience” Exchange, we are going to also begin sharing favorite outdoor recipes on an intermittent basis. With fall weather rapidly approaching (and chili competitions in the air), it makes sense to kick this feature off with **Mama’s Chili Recipe** courtesy of John Pratt.



### INGREDIENTS:

- 2.5 LB ground turkey meat
- 3 packs McCormick Chili Seasoning
- 1 big can of Brooks chili beans
- 2 regular cans of dark kidney beans
- 2 cans diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 onion (diced)
- 1 bean can of water (Brooks Chilli beans)
- 1 tbs. Worcestershire (mom's secret ingredient)

Cook turkey in a frying pan with one package of McCormick Chili Seasoning- do not drain. Dump turkey, beans, tomatoes, onion, salt, water and remaining McCormick Chili seasoning into large pot. Bring to simmer. Lower the heat and low simmer 8 hours. Serve with macaroni and sour cream, maybe some cheddar cheese. Never fails to please

Do you have a favorite recipe that you are known for and are willing to share? Please send your recipes to Mike Chambers for use in future issues of ***The Northeast District Monthly Gazette***.

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