



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

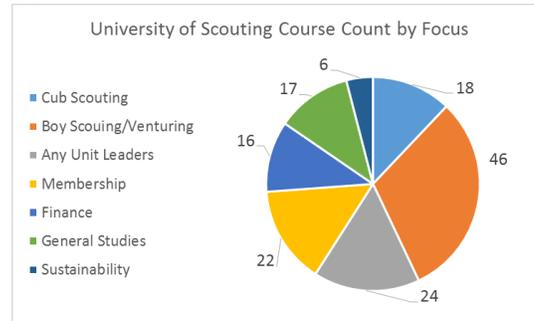
- Dec 15, 2016
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Dec 21, 2016 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Jan 7, 2017
Firecrafter Dinner
- Jan 11, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Jan 14, 2017 (8 AM – 5 PM)
[University of Scouting](#)
- Jan 14, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House

In the Next 60 Days

- Jan 18, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED 2016 Planning – Part 2
- Jan 19, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg

University of Scouting Sign-up Now Available

Details about the program to be offered at the **2017 University of Scouting** (UoS) are now available [on-line](#). A review of course offerings show that there are 149 unique offerings this year covering Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting/Venturing, Any Unit Leaders, Membership, Finance, General Studies and a new set of offerings focused on Sustainability. It is important to note that there are 27 NEW Course offerings this year, accounting for 18% of the curriculum at this year's UoS.



If you are new to Scouting and you aren't sure if you should go, let me share why the UoS is a great deal for you! There are a number of required training courses that can be completed during the day. They include, but are not limited to the following:

- Cub Scout, Webelos and Tiger Den Leader (Periods 1-3)
- Scoutmaster Specific Training (Periods 1-6)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Periods 1-6)
- Chartered Organization Representative (Periods 4-5)
- CPR Certification (Periods 1-3)
- Basic First Aid Certification (Periods 4-6)

So what do you need to do to attend? Download a copy of the [University of Scouting Course Catalog](#) (and study it), go [on-line](#) and pre-register to attend. As part of this pre-registration you will need to sign-up for the courses you want to attend, so it is suggested that you decide on your curriculum before you go on-line. The fee for attending the UoS is \$30, but if you pre-register on line before **January 8, 2017**, you will be able to take advantage of the early bird fee of \$25. Please note that this fee includes a lunch ticket to the Silver Beaver Luncheon as well! If you have questions, please contact [Laura Clay](#).

Introducing Your 2016 Northeast District Volunteer Leadership

The votes have been tallied and we are pleased to notify you that the following slate of nominees for District Members-at-Large were all approved to serve during the December 14, 2016 Business Meeting:



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| • Dee Baskerville | • Timothy George | • George Morrell |
| • Randall Baskerville | • Jay German | • David Nieten |
| • William Beckman | • Jon Guimont | • Ian Parent |
| • Wally Bruner | • James Imel | • Jim Patrick |
| • Joseph Carter | • Timothy Ishmael | • Anne Phillips |
| • Mike Chambers | • William Jensen | • Jack Phillips |
| • Mary Coghill | • Jason Lopez | • John Pratt |
| • Steve Creason | • Robert Meador | • Jeff Thompson |
| • Dale Dietz | • Leilan McNally | • Michael Welling |
| • Terence Fulner | • Jennifer Mondy | • Kimberly Wiggins |
| | | • Bob Zetl |

- Jan 20-22, 2017
OA Winter Gathering
- Jan 21, 2017
[Eagle Award Nomination Due](#)
- Jan 28, 2017
[Great CPC Chili Cook-Off](#)
- Feb 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Feb 3-4, 2017
Crossroads Trade-O-Ree
- Feb 8, 2017
NED Awards Banquet
- Feb 11, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- Feb 12, 2017
Scout Sunday
- Feb 12, 2017
NED Eagle BoRs (4:00 PM)
- Feb 15, 2017
NED Commissioners Mtg

In the Next 90 Days

- Feb 16, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Mar 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Mar 3-5, 2017
[Marlinspike Training](#)
- Mar 5, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Mar 8, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Mar 11, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- Mar 15, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg

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](#)

In addition, Steve Creason was also approved as the Northeast District Committee Chair for 2017. Please don't hesitate to contact any of these individuals if your district leadership team can be of assistance.

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This Year's Friends of Scouting Campaign Has Started

The twenty-first **Annual Governor's Luncheon** is now history and the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign has started. During this event, 2,250 guests were in attendance and pledged **\$1,177,710** toward the Crossroads of America Council's 2017 FOS fund raising goal! This is a great start for the annual FOS campaign. Now it's time for every unit in the Northeast District to help drive this fund raising campaign over the goal line.



So, you may ask how you can get involved. It's a pretty simple three-step process:

1. Identify a Unit FOS Chair for this year's campaign. This individual will be your unit's primary contact with your Northeast District FOS presenter during the FOS Campaign.
2. Make sure that our Northeast District FOS Chair, [Wally Bruner](#) has the date, time and location for your upcoming Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other well attended unit gathering. Wally will work with you to get a district FOS presenter scheduled to make the FOS presentation and collect pledges from your unit members.
3. When the time comes for you to fill out your pledge card, step up, and lead the way so that your unit can meet or exceed your unit's 2017 FOS goal!

We'll publish updates on how we are doing on our Northeast District FOS campaign in future issues of **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette**.

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Introducing our Northeast District Silver Beaver Award Winner

On **Saturday, January 14, 2017** at the **University of Scouting Silver Beaver Luncheon**, Northeast District's own **Terry Prather** will receive her **Silver Beaver Award**. This award is well deserved and recognizes Terry for her contributions and leadership to Scouting at all levels, as well as her leadership and contributions as a teacher and educator, in her family and at her church. Below are some highlights from her nomination:



Terry Prather

Unit Level Engagement - *As a Scouter, she led one of our district's most successful and dynamic Cub Scout packs and brought that same spark to our largest Boy Scout Troop. Her fellow leaders have described her as a motivational leader who naturally makes people want to do their best. She has helped to inspire hundreds of scouts who she served in her dens, pack, and troop. That legacy continues as those first scouts are college-age and are entering adulthood.*

District Level Engagement - *Her brand of leadership has been particularly effective in her work with the Northeast District over the past several years. Before this nominee began working at the district level, our district was losing scouts at a substantial pace and saw recruitment levels drop to record lows. Scouting was prohibited from accessing our largest school district, which was strangling our movement in this area of the council. She took the challenge of turning this around by becoming our district's vice-chair of membership despite the daunting and depressing odds. In that time, membership growth has turned around dramatically as Terry took full advantage of the opportunity to motivate all of our Cub Scout packs to start recruiting again despite school access restrictions. Initially, we saw modest, but impressive, results in a few packs that embraced her challenge.*

Terry also helped to forge bonds with school district leadership; since then the school district has been an enthusiastic partner to help grow membership in our district. Because Terry had already primed our packs to be ready for an aggressive recruiting season, our district was able to capitalize on our newfound school access. The first year of school access saw quick and exciting growth, but it didn't slow down. This year, the Northeast District saw double the number of paid applications collected on the August council-wide recruiting night, and this doesn't count scouts who were recruited at other times this year. Terry's impact will last for years to come thanks to the dedication and vision that she brought to the challenge.

Outside of Scouting – Terry is a teacher and educator that brings the same sort of energy, vision, and commitment to her schools. She has been innovative in her school district by building and furthering efforts to reach students better who are disadvantaged or at risk academically. She has even gone so far to go back to graduate school to better prepare herself for this challenge. Through this, she has continued to be engaged as a leader for children in her church and community, both within and outside of Scouting.

We hope to see everyone at the Silver Beaver Luncheon on **Saturday, January 14, 2017** to help Terry celebrate this significant recognition!

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Is Your Unit All In...The Great CPC Chili Cook-Off!

Has your unit already signed up to compete in the **Great CPC Chili Cook-Off**? If not, you are in luck as there are still a few slots open. As mentioned in last month's article in **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette**, this chili cook-off will be held on **Saturday, January 28, 2017** at **Christ Presbyterian Church** in **McCordsville, IN** and offers a unique opportunity for Scouting units in the Northeast District to both compete in the cook-off AND, based on the profit-sharing approach set-up by the Church, also earn money for the units that compete.



So you are now thinking about entering. It's pretty simple, link to the [Great CPC Chili Cook-Off](#) website, complete the registration process and bring your best chili to McCordsville on Saturday, January 28, 2017. If you have questions about the Great CPC Chili Cook-Off, please contact [Roger Howard](#).

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Northeast District Eagle Project Needs Your Help!!

Life Scout Robbie Bruner of Northeast District's Troop 276 needs your help! His Eagle Project is a unique opportunity to bring the excitement of May in Indianapolis to the children at Riley Hospital. Robbie's Eagle Project is to conduct a Pinewood Derby inside Riley Hospital in May of 2017. To do this, he needs to have about 50 Pinewood Derby cars to use for this race.



Here is where you can help. Robbie would like all units in the Northeast District to sign-up to construct and donate cars to be used by the patients at Riley Hospital. He is also in need of trophies that can be provided to patients at the Pinewood Derby. More information will be available at the Northeast District January Roundtable, so please come and learn more. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Robbie Bruner.

Let's help put a smile on the children at Riley Hospital in May of 2017!

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Cub Scouting Requirements Modified to Allow More Flexibility

The Boy Scouts of America has modified Cub Scouting to make the program more flexible for busy parents, den leaders and Cubmasters.



The BSA gathered feedback from den leaders who had delivered the new Cub Scouting program for a year. What they learned was that some den leaders had difficulty fitting into their program year all of the adventures required for advancement. This resulted in boys not advancing. After a review, the BSA has released some modifications to address this concern.

Here's a quick look at what you need to know.

- The number of new Cub Scouts is up in many areas of the country, but **rank advancement rates have not kept pace**, meaning the BSA's team of volunteers and staff advisers wanted to react quickly to eliminate what might have become a roadblock for some dens. A national volunteer task force developed a solution: **Make more of the adventure requirements optional**, giving dens more flexibility to match their unique needs.
- The modifications are designed to ensure that **adventure requirements are achievable by today's Cub Scout dens within a program year**. In fact, with the modifications, dens should be able to complete **one adventure in approximately two den meetings**. This means they are achievable by all Cub Scouts, regardless of background or socioeconomic status.
- Most of the modifications involve the number of requirements that must be completed, **reducing the mandate to a number achievable** within the limited time available to many dens. This is done while retaining the rich program options that allow leaders to build strong programs adapted to their needs.
- Lastly, **you won't need to buy any new materials**. The new requirements will be posted in a free addendum available at scouting.org/programupdates. This will supplement the handbooks in current circulation and for sale online and in Scout shops.

Want more information? You can log into scouting.org/programupdates, or you may elect to contact our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) if you have any questions.

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Have You Nominated a Deserving Northeast District Volunteer?

On **Wednesday, February 8, 2017** the Northeast District will close a successful 2016 with our annual **Adult Recognition Awards Dinner at Camp Belzer**. During this event, the Northeast District Committee will recognize the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew/Ship Advisor (of the year), Pack, Troop, Crew/Ship (of the year), unit Golden Spike recipients and the ultimate District Award of Merit.



If you have already submitted nominations, a big **THANK YOU**. If not, there is still time. Download a [nomination packet](#), complete your nomination(s), and turn them into Laura Clay by the close of our Monthly Roundtables on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**.

We certainly hope that you will also make plans now to join us for the **Adult Recognition Dinner** on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**. Pre-registration for our recognition dinner is now open. Cost for the dinner is \$15 for adults, youth (under 10) is \$10 and 2016 Eagle Scouts is \$5 if pre-registered by **February 1, 2017**. Registrations received after that date will cost \$20.00 per person.

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Northeast District Pinewood Derby Rules Available

With the New Year rapidly approaching, we will shortly be hearing the sounds of fun and excitement of pack-level Pinewood Derby competitions. Winners at the pack level will be invited to compete at the Northeast District Pinewood Derby to be held at Ed Martin Honda at 770 North Shadeland Avenue in April.



As unit competitions should be run using the same guidelines that will apply at the district-wide Pinewood Derby, now would be a great time to download a copy of the [2017 NED Pinewood Derby Rules and Guidelines](#) and familiarize everyone with the rules so there will be no "surprises" sprung on the competitors at the Northeast District Pinewood Derby.

If you have any questions about this year's Pinewood Derby rules please contact [Jenny Mondy](#) or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#).

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Scout Summer Employment Opportunities Now Available

Do you have 14+ year old Scouts looking for summer employment? If so, then they probably should consider working on summer camp staff at Camp Belzer, Camp Kikthawenund, Camp Krietenstein or Ransburg Scout Reservation.



Interviews for camp staff positions will begin soon. To qualify for employment, an applicant must be at least 15 years of age at resident camp or 14 years of age as a Counselor-in-Training at day camp and have a letter of reference from a Scoutmaster or employer. Contact [Lee Murdoch](#), Director of Outdoor Programs, by email or by phone at (317) 813-7124 for more information.

We hope that our outstanding older Scouts will not let this opportunity pass them by!

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Cheesy Chicken/Turkey Casserole

Almost no one enjoys washing pots and pans on a camping trip (or at home for that matter). This however, should not prevent all of us from eating like kings (and queens) on a camping trip. One solution is a one-pot (or more appropriately, a one Dutch oven) dish. Today's recipe exchange will share a simple set of directions for creating **Cheesy Chicken/Turkey Casserole** courtesy of Susan Dunn from Northeast District's Troop 335.



INGREDIENTS:

1½ to 2 cups shredded cooked chicken or turkey
2 cups cooked white rice
1 can cream of mushroom soup
¼ cup milk
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons pimientos
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Mix together all ingredients except the cheese. Scoop half of mixture in bottom of a Dutch oven (or casserole dish at home); top with half of the cheese. Scoop rest of mixture on top of that, and rest of cheese on very top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until



bubbly. If you are trying this at home, you may also use a microwave by cooking on HIGH for 10 minutes. Enjoy!

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

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