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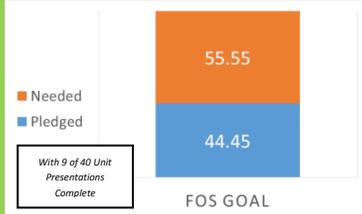
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Feb 16, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Mar 1, 2017
[Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Due](#)
- Mar 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Mar 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
Cub Scout Summer Camp \$50 Deposit Due
- Mar 1, 2017
[Camp Card Sales Begin](#)

Northeast District Annual Recognition Dinner – A Recap

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 over 60 people assembled at Camp Belzer for the **Annual Northeast District Recognition Dinner**. During this event, outstanding units and unit leaders were recognized, along with the young men who reached the rank of Eagle Scout during 2016. A summary of recognitions presented follow:



The Northeast District units of the year were recognized:

- **Pack 50**, chartered by Geist Christian Church, was selected as the Pack of the Year
- **Troop 276**, chartered by Castleton United Methodist Church, was selected as the Troop of the Year
- **Ship 2012**, chartered by VFW Post 7119, was selected as the Ship of the Year

Also presented during the dinner was the trophy to the winner of the First Annual CPC Chili Cook-off. This cook-off was held on Saturday, January 28, 2017, with all proceeds being donated to the Spangler family, one of our own whose family is facing significant medical challenges. Crew 318, Troop 88 and Troop 276 competed in this event. The winning chili, selected by those who sampled all three chilies was Troop 276's entry.



Troop 276 Receives the CPC Great Chili Cook-off Trophy

The total earnings from the Troops and the Spangler Family Fund were as follows:

Troop 88	\$460.16
Troop 276	\$303.66
Crew 317	\$81.66
Spangler Family Donations	\$2,840.00
Total	\$3,785.48

Thanks to all who participated, attended or contributed to the Spangler Family Fund. Also, you need to mark your calendar...the Second Annual CPC Chili Cook-off date has already been set...Saturday, January 28, 2018. It will be interested to see if Troop 276 will be able to repeat as champions again next year!

Individuals were also recognized at this event. Six of the 38 young men who achieved the rank of **Eagle Scout** in the Northeast District during 2016 were present and were recognized by the District (see photo).



2016 Northeast District Eagle Scouts

- 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 8, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Mar 11, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- Mar 12, 2017 (12:45-2 PM)
Firecrafter Alumni Meeting
- Mar 12, 2017 (2-3 PM)
Firecrafter Council Meeting

In the Next 60 Days

- Mar 16, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Mar 17-18, 2017
Wilderness First Aid
- Mar 17-19, 2017
OA Spring Fellowship
- Mar 18, 2017
Scoutmaster Specific Trng
- Mar 27-31, 2017
[Spring Break MB Camp](#)
- Apr 2, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Apr 5, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Apr 8, 2017 (8:30 AM)
NED Pinewood Derby
- Apr 8, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- Apr 12, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Apr 12, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Apr 14, 2017
Camp Card Sales End
- Apr 15, 2017
BSA "Early Bird" #1 Due

Additionally, volunteers at the unit level were recognized with **Golden Spike Awards** (see list and photo below). This award, given annually, recognizes registered Scouters who continually provide initiative, enthusiasm, and exceptional service to the Scouting programs in which they serve. These Scouters hold their respective programs together. They provide the spark to deliver on the promise of quality Scouting to packs, troops, crews, teams. The individuals recognized with **2016 Golden Spike Awards** were:

Mike Chaplin	Jay German	Devona James	Shelby Thompson
James Colter	Ben Greenfield	Jason Lopez	Angela Walker
Nancy Evans	Jon Guimont	Isaiah Merriman	Bob Zetzl
Fred Franz	Chris Johns	Jerry Phillips	



2016 Northeast District Golden Spike Awardees

The Northeast District Committee also selected the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Crew Advisor/Ship Skipper of the year. After thorough deliberations, **Andrew Troxell** (Pack 50), **David Hoyt** (Troop 276), and **Darrell Davidson** (Ship 2012) were recognized as the Northeast District unit leaders of the year (see photos).



Andrew Troxell
Cubmaster of the Year (Pack 50)



Davey Hoyt
Scoutmaster of the Year (Troop 276)



Darrell Davidson
Skipper of the Year (Ship 2012)

The evening culminated with a pair of final recognitions. First, **Terry Prather** (photo below), the Silver Beaver recipient from the Northeast District in 2016, was recognized. The Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people at the unit, district or council level within a BSA local council. It is the highest national recognition presented at the local council level.

In the Next 90 Days

- Apr 20, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Apr 20-22, 2017
Spring Wood Badge #1
- Apr 21-23, 2017
NED Spring Camporee
- Apr 22, 2016
Outdoor Leader Skills
- Apr 29-30, 2017
Voyageur Training
- May 1, 2017
Cub Scout "Early Bird" Final
Payment Due
- May 3, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- May 7, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- May 9, 2017
Ransburg Scout Reservation
Merit Badge Registration
Opens
- May 10, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- May 10, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg.
- May 11-13, 2017
Spring Wood Badge #2
- May 13, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- May 13-14, 2017
Voyageur Training #1
- May 15, 2017
BSA "Early Bird" #2 Due

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](#)



Terry Prather
2016 NED Silver Beaver Awardee

Additionally, the Northeast District presented the District Award of Merit to **Mike Chambers** and **Steve Creason** (photos below) for their service to the district in 2016. This recognition is the highest council recognition that a district may present. It is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.



Mike Chambers
2016 District Award of Merit Awardee



Steve Creason
2016 District Award of Merit Awardee

As demonstrated during the **Annual Northeast District Recognition Dinner**, 2016 was an outstanding year for Scouting in our district. With everyone's help, we are looking forward to topping it in 2017!

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Camp Card Sales Best Practices

Camp Card Sales, the second major council-sponsored unit-level fund raising opportunity, begins on March 1, 2017 and runs through April 14, 2017. This fund raising campaign allows Scouting units to raise funds to help pay for their summer Scouting program.



Camp Cards are discount cards sold for \$5 each to the general public. Unit commission is 50% on each card (\$2.50). Funds earned from this fundraiser may be used to purchase equipment such as tents and backpacks as well as paying for camp fees.

Each Camp Card is composed of one-time discounts from five merchants amounting to a total savings of \$26.00 (if all one-time discounts were to be claimed)...a pretty good return for a single \$5.00 expense! The merchants who are providing these one-time discounts are:

Marsh \$5 off \$50 purchase Expires 8/31/17	DICK'S Sporting Goods \$10 off \$50 purchase Expires 8/13/17	Shoe Carnival \$5 off purchase of \$39.98 or more Expires 8/31/17	The Escape Room \$5 off each ticket for room reservation Expires 8/31/17	Steak 'n Shake \$1 off regular classic milkshake
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Additionally, each card offers discounts which may be used repeatedly through the end of

2017. The merchants who are providing these repeat use discounts are:

Papa John's Pizza
40% off Any Online Order
Expires 12/31/17

Tuchman Cleaners
15% off Dry Cleaning Only
Expires 12/31/17

Firestone Complete Auto Care
\$20.99 standard oil change
Expires 12/31/17

Based on the potential savings alone, these cards should almost sell themselves! However, to maximize sales opportunities, it's probably best to review (and use) some best practices.

- Go into this sale with an **INDIVIDUAL SALES GOAL** for the number of Camp Cards that you want to sell. It could be as easy as saying that I want to earn ½ of the cost to go to summer camp...take the total cost of attending summer camp, and dividing by \$2.50 (the commission per card) will define how many cards you need to sell.
- As soon as you have a goal, develop a **MASTER SALES PLAN**. Look at sales approaches that you could use:
 - Select neighborhoods that you want to go door-to-door and sell card(s). Go so far as to plan your door-to-door sales...weekend 1 I'll hit neighborhood "a", weekend 2, I'll hit neighborhood "b", etc.
 - Consider utilizing social media to inform your friends that you have Camp Cards to sell. Ask them to message you with time and location where you can deliver their requested card(s) and you can collect the money.
 - Ask your parents to help sell cards to their friends and/or work associates.
 - Consider if you want to do a Storefront Sale (or not). Marsh Supermarkets will allow Scouting units to sell at their stores, but only from March 20th - April 14th. It is important to note that they are also supporting the Girl Scout's cookie sales, so the published timing prevents both Scouting organizations from "fighting" over sales space during the same timeframe. Please contact your local Marsh store manager to schedule a sales date, time, and arrange other details.
- Keep **TRACK YOUR SALES** on a daily/weekly basis. Are you on track to reach your goal? If you are behind, consider **REVISING YOUR SALES PLAN** as needed.

May every Scout in the district achieve their individual Camp Card sales goal! If you have questions, please contact [Scott Drake](#), Northeast District Camp Card Chair.

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Have You Signed Up for the Spring Wood Badge Course?

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier leadership offering; it is designed specifically to "learn by doing" the skills and methods of Scouting using the patrol method. This life-altering training session is completed over two week-ends, the first half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. The second half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. It is important to note that the participant does not earn his/her certificate, neckerchief, leather slide, and two small wooden beads on a leather thong simply by attending both weekend sessions; they must also complete their "ticket" (five written goals) which cement their new leadership knowledge and skills to their role in Scouting.



Crossroads of America Council will be offering its spring course over the **April 20-22, 2017** weekend at Camp Kikthawenund and the **May 11-13, 2017** weekend at Camp Krietenstein. There is still space available in this course, but it is suggested that you act NOW if you are ready to take the Wood Badge Challenge! Please log onto the Council website to register [on-line](#). For more information about the spring Wood Badge course, contact [Justin Sorensen](#).

So, if you are still not sold, check out this [video](#) on what Wood Badge delivers to leaders

who have completed this course. Now, you want to go, but you can't make the Spring Course? No problems, there is a [Fall Wood Badge](#) offering in September as well. We hope that you elect to sign-up for Wood Badge, join the "critters", and become a part of the Wood Badge-trained Scouting brotherhood!

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Summer Camp Deadlines Approaching

For your Cub Pack, Troop or Crew to attend one of Crossroads of America's summer camp offerings unit leadership needs to be mindful of the various deadlines associated with your selected camp. Checkout the timelines provided below:



Cub Scouts / Webelos		Boy Scout Troops / Venturing Crews	
Mar 1, 2017	Camp scholarship applications due	Mar 1, 2017	Camp scholarship applications due
Mar 1, 2017	\$50 unit deposit deadline	Apr 15, 2017	Early Bird payment #1 due
May 1, 2017	\$25 unit discount if paid in full	May 9, 2017	Ransburg merit badge sign-up opens
		May 15, 2017	Early Bird final payment due

Please don't let these key deadlines pass without taking action! We are looking forward to every Scout having the opportunity to attend summer camp (or a high adventure outing) this summer. If you have questions, please contact [Laura Clay](#).

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NYLT Youth Training Opportunities Available

While adult leaders in Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America will have opportunities for enhancing leadership training via Wood Badge, Scouts will also have multiple opportunities for leadership training through the council-offered National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) during 2017. NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. This course is patterned after a month in the life of a unit. Content is delivered in a group and team outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.



This youth leadership offering will be offered three times in 2017:

Course Offering	Location	Dates	Course Director
Spring NYLT *	Camp Kikthawenuend	Apr 7-9 and Apr 28-30	Bryan Spellman
Summer NYLT	Camp Red Wing	June 18-24	Tamara Allison
Fall NYLT *	Camp Belzer	Sep 15-17 and Sep 29-Oct 1	Dave Wagner

* Must complete both weekend sessions to complete this NYLT offering

Click on the specific course offering link above to sign-up. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to gain the leadership skills necessary to have effective Scout-led units. We certainly hope that units in the Northeast District will take full advantage of these offerings. Questions should be directed to the specific Course Director listed above, or you may contact [Laura Clay](#).

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Order of the Arrow Election Deadline Approaching!

Do you have a Scout with a rank of First Class or above (or an adult in your unit) that exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives that is not already a member of Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow (OA)? Now is the time for your unit to hold elections.



Do you know which Scouts in your unit can potentially be elected for membership in OA? All youth members of, or candidates for youth membership in, the Order of the Arrow must be under 18-years of age and shall meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank (or above) of the Boy Scouts of America.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15-days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15-days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
- Scout candidates MUST be certified as meeting these requirements prior to the election.

Adults that meet the same requirements (except for age and rank) may also be nominated for membership in OA by adult leadership within the unit. The unit may nominate 1 adult candidate for every 3 youth that are elected for membership, as well as the Scoutmaster, if the Scoutmaster has served for a minimum of 12-months.

It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to certify that all proposed candidates for OA must adhere to the Scout Oath and Law, actively participates in unit activities, and meets age and rank requirements (as described above) **prior** to being put up for election. Once the unit election has been completed, the results of the Scout election must be recorded on the appropriate [form](#) and turned into the Jaccos Towne Lodge by **Wednesday, March 8, 2017** for verification. Adult nominations should also be recorded on the appropriate [form](#) and also submitted on the same timeline. This will allow OA candidates to be called out during the April 21-23, 2016 Northeast District Spring Camporee at Summit Lake. You may send the election results to oelections@jaccostownelodge.org. If you have questions, please contact [Dee Baskerville](#) or [Randy Baskerville](#) for more information.

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Proper Care of Cast Iron Cookware Provides Years of Pleasure

While cast iron cookware would not be on the top of my packing list for a leave-no-trace backpacking trip, I could not envision going on a routine monthly outing without cast iron Dutch ovens and skillets. With proper care, this versatile cooking gear can last a life time, or in some cases, multiple lifetimes; my favorite cast iron skillet actually belonged to my grandmother and is approaching 100-years of continuous service!



The secret to successful cast iron cooking is proper preparation and care of this cookware. Before use, the cookware needs to be “seasoned”; after use, the cookware needs to be properly cleaned and stored.

How to Season Cast Iron:

The process of seasoning couldn't be easier. All you need is the cookware (along with its lid if there is one) and vegetable oil or shortening. Coat your cast iron cookware inside and out with vegetable oil or shortening. Place in a 300°F oven for one hour. After an hour in the oven, remove and wipe off any liquefied shortening. Your pan is now seasoned! The pan will be non-stick and easy to clean and it only gets better the more you use it. To avoid a mess in the oven, place a piece of foil under the pan. A true non-stick surface takes time to form and may require multiple rounds of seasoning. To avoid cooking frustrations, only use your cast iron cookware for meats and other fatty foods in the beginning.

How to Clean and Store Cast Iron:

After each use, it is important that this cookware be properly cleaned. Using the following process steps will help assure a lifetime of use:

- (1) Manually remove all food scraps from the cast iron cookware using a paper towel.
- (2) If visible scraps still remain, wash the interior of the cast iron cookware with hot water (NO SOAP!). If food scraps are still sticking to the cast iron cookware, you may use a small piece of aluminum foil to lightly scour the cast iron cookware.
- (3) After all food scraps have been removed, completely dry the cast iron cookware with paper towels.
- (4) Lightly coat the cast iron cookware with a small amount of oil and place over low heat for a minute or two.
- (5) Store the cookware in a dry location; you may wish to place a small piece of paper towel between the lid and the cookware to allow for some air movement.

Why is My Cast Iron Cookware Rusty?

Rust indicates that a pan is not properly seasoned. This can occur when a pan is new and not fully broken in. It can also occur when the pan is scrubbed too hard or not dried adequately after washing. To remedy the problem, scrub or sand off the rust then re-season your pan. The Bottom Line: Cast iron cookware is very forgiving. Learn how to clean and season your cast iron, and you'll have it forever.

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Pinewood Derby Activities at Indiana State Museum Approaching

Did you know that in addition to pack and district Pinewood Derby races, there is another local opportunity to race Pinewood Derby Cars?



The Indiana State Museum and Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America are co-sponsoring the **WORLD'S LARGEST PINWOOD DERBY TRACK** – it is a 125' long, two-and-a-half story track in the entryway of the Indiana State Museum! The track will be open for “fun runs” on **Tuesday, March 28** through **Friday, March 31, 2017** from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and again on **Sunday, April 2, 2017** from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The official race will be held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. All participating cars must be registered by 1 p.m. on race day, with the race to follow. Ages 5 to 16 must register as youth and ages 17 and older must register as an adult. You may also elect to enter a Pinewood Derby Car by 2 p.m. for the ‘Best of Show’ competition. Cars will be awarded based on visual design.

The Indiana State Museum is offering a special admission price to the Museum during this event for Scouts (in uniform) and their families of \$4.00 per person.

Please note that Crossroads of America is looking for a number of volunteers to make the official race on **Saturday, April 2, 2017** happen. If you are interested in volunteering click [here](#). Do you have questions? Contact our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) for answers.

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Interfaith Education Opportunity at Camp Belzer Approaching

pecans in a few places. If it's not completely done yet, put it back on the coals for about 15 more min. Be careful not to overcook it or the blueberries will get mushy. This dessert is really delicious with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top of it. Serves 8-10. 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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