



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- May 15-19, 2017
Outdoor Challenge Days
- May 16, 2017 (6:30 – 8:30 PM)
Riley 500 Eagle Project
- May 18, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- May 27, 2017
[500 Festival Parade](#)
- Jun 1, 2017
Cub Scout “Early Bird” #2 Due
- Jun 3, 2017
[College of Commissioners Science](#)
- Jun 4, 2017
[Voyageur Kayak](#)

Northeast District FOS Needs Your Help – Goal Line in Sight

It’s hard to believe, but the 2017 Crossroads of America Council Friends of Scouting campaign kicked off almost six-months ago with a very successful Governor’s (aka Vice-President Elect’s) Luncheon in December of 2016.



Since the kick-off, your Northeast District FOS presentation team has been busy making the rounds of units throughout the district. Today, thanks to the generosity of many Friends of Scouting across the Northeast District, we are very close to hitting our district fund raising goal! Currently, we are at 94% of our goal, leaving us approximately \$3,400 shy of crossing the finish line!

So, you may ask, what can I do to help the Northeast District cross the finish line?

- For those who have **NOT YET PLEDGED/DONATED** to this year’s FOS campaign, there is still time to make a tax deductible pledge/donation. It’s as simple as sending an e-mail to our Northeast District FOS Chair, [Wally Bruner](#). In your e-mail, provide the amount you wish to pledge and the timing of when you wish to be billed (e.g., immediately, monthly, quarterly, etc.).
- For those who have **ALREADY PLEDGED/DONATED** to this year’s FOS campaign, again a **BIG THANK YOU!** That said, regardless of the amount you pledged during either the Governor’s Luncheon or your unit’s FOS presentation, has something changed that would allow you to consider increasing your pledge to this year’s FOS campaign? It could be a recent income tax windfall, or an unexpected bonus at work. Your consideration of possibly increasing your financial support for the young leaders of tomorrow is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about this year’s FOS Campaign, please don’t hesitate to contact either [Wally Bruner](#), or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#).

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Duty to God Retreat – Sign Up NOW!

As mentioned in previous issues of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*, our first [Duty to God Retreat](#) is fast approaching. The Retreat will be held at [Gateway Community Church](#) located at 7551 Oaklandon Road in Indianapolis. Sessions will be held from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, June 9, 2017** and from **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, June 10, 2017**.



Classes offered during the Duty to God Retreat include:

God & Me	Grades 1 to 3
God & Family	Grades 4 to 5
God & Church*	Grades 6 to 8
God & Life*	Grades 9 to 12

* These classes will require work before or after the retreat to complete all their requirements. Classes designed for youth in Protestant and Independent Christian Churches – Church membership not required

The total cost of this retreat is \$20 per participant. Friday night’s meal will be provided by Gateway Community Church, while Saturday night’s meal will be provided by Northeast District’s Troop 276. Scout units may camp on the church grounds during the retreat. To register or get more information contact William “Wild Bill” Jensen via [e-mail](#) or at (317) 537- 2256 or (317) 657-2182.

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- Jun 4, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Jun 7, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Jun 9-10, 2017
[Duty to God Retreat](#)
- Jun 10, 2017 (1:00 – 4:00 PM)
NED Catapult Assembly
- Jun 14-28, 2017
CAC Philmont Trip

In the Next 60 Days

- Jun 21, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Jun 24-25, 2017
WD9BSA ARRL Field Day

In the Next 90 Days

- Jul 18-28, 2017
National Jamboree
- Aug 2, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Aug 4-20, 2017
Indiana State Fair
- Aug 6, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Aug 9, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Aug 9, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Aug 11-13, 2016
Firecrafter Grand Ritual

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 Membership Committee Call for Help

As you may have heard, this Fall’s Cub Scout recruitment theme is **CATAPULT INTO SCOUTING!** And while our August 17 Sign-Up Night seems a long way away, it will be here before you know it. Now is the time for both the district and unit leadership to begin preparations for a record breaking unit sign-up night.



Your first opportunity to help the district is coming up. On **Saturday, June 10, 2017** from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, Firecrafter members and other Scouting volunteers will come together at the **Golden Burke Scout Center** to assemble the thousands of catapults that will be given away to new Cub Scouts on sign-up night. Please come out and help with this fun task. Stay as short or as long as you can- we'll take all the help we can get. Remember- many hands make light work, so feel free to bring a friend!

From a unit perspective now is also the time to also begin preparing for your Sign-Up Night. These preparations should occur on many fronts:

- Before school dismisses for the summer, now is a great time to connect with the elementary school principal for the school that you will be recruiting at. Confirm the date for our sign-up night with the principal and let him/her know how much you appreciate their support.
- Also reach out to the Boy Scout Troop(s) that typically take your Webelos at Crossover. Remind them of the date for our Cub Scout Sign Up night and that you will need Boy Scout help at your elementary school during the sign-up night to work with the new Cub Scouts while their parents complete sign-up paperwork.
- Make sure that current parents in your Cub Scout Pack have the Sign-Up Night in the calendars. It’s never too early to begin getting commitments from parent volunteers to help on Sign-Up Night.

If you have questions, please contact [Laura Clay](#).

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Northeast District Spring Camporee Wrap-Up

Well, we can put another successful **Northeast District Spring Camporee** in the record books. This event was held over the **April 21-23, 2017** week-end at **Summit Lake State Park**.



We would like to congratulate the winners of the various unit competitions. They were as follows:

Competition	Winning Unit
Campsite	Troop 335
Cooking	Troop 276
Overall	Troop 133

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Cub Scout Final Summer Camp Payment Deadline Approaching!

The clock is ticking. If you have not already submitted your final payment for this year’s Cub Scout Summer Camp, the final deadline is rapidly coming up. All Summer Camp payments are due from units by June 1, 2017.



Please don’t miss this deadline so that your Cub Scouts won’t miss out on all of the fun!

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Base Camp at Indiana State Fair Needs You!

This year, the **Indiana State Fair** will run from **Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 20, 2017**. Did you know that during a typical run of the Indiana State Fair close to 900,000 people will walk the grounds looking for fun and entertainment? This means that Scouting, through our **Base Camp** activity space has an opportunity to promote our organization!



That said, Base Camp will not be successful without volunteers to staff our activity space. You may volunteer as an individual, an entire family, or as a unit* (Den, Patrol, Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Post) for shifts that will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays during the Indiana State Fair run. Each volunteer will receive a complimentary admission ticket for their service and is encouraged to explore the rest of the fair before or after their shift. And don't forget that your time as a volunteer counts toward service hours for your unit, so don't forget to log these hours in the [BSA Service Hour](#) database. To volunteer you will need to register [online](#).

In addition to volunteers, there are a small number of paid positions available for older Scouts to coordinate daily activities at Base Camp. If interested, please contact [Emily Elliott](#) for more information or to apply.

* For larger groups such as these, please email [Cara Wagner](#) to assure your group may be accommodated.

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Leader Training Available at Ransburg During Summer Camp

If your Troop/Crew is going to summer camp at one of the Crossroads of America Council properties, planning for summer camp, including Scout sign-up for merit badges and other scheduled activities (i.e., COPE) should be well underway.



But what about planning activities for adults who will be in camp for the week? Obviously, if you will be in camp, you will need to make sure that you have your vacation from work scheduled. But what about planning your time in camp?

If your unit is going to Ransburg Scout Reservation, you will have the opportunity to lead by example and complete a number of [leader training offerings](#), including:

- Youth Protection
- This is Scouting
- Religious Emblem
- Scoutmaster Specific
- Troop Committee Challenge
- Homesickness Training
- Climb On Safely
- Trek Safely
- Leave No Trace
- CPR
- Swimming & Water Rescue
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Paddle Craft Safety
- Outdoor Leader Skills
- Merit Badge Counselor Training

While at Ransburg Scout Reservation in addition to watching the Scouts in your unit mature, please take advantage of these leader training offerings. Remember, every Scout deserves a well-trained leader!

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Taco Casserole

Are you hankering for some Tex-Mex on a campout? If so, then this Dutch oven favorite brought to you by Kevin Spangler (Crew 317) -- **Taco Casserole** -- should fit the bill.



INGREDIENTS:

1 pound lean ground beef
1 (15 ounce) can ranch-style beans
1 (14.5 ounce) can peeled and diced tomatoes
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (12 ounce) package corn tortillas
4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons chili powder

DIRECTIONS:

1. Brown the ground beef in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add chili powder, beans, tomatoes and soup; mix well and heat thoroughly.
2. Line Dutch oven with tortillas. Then make a layer with the meat mixture. Make another row of tortillas, then finish off with rest of meat mixture. Top with grated cheese.
3. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes.

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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