



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Jul 18-28, 2017
National Jamboree
- Aug 1, 2017
Online Popcorn Sales Begin
- 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, 2017
Firecrafter Grand Ritual
- Aug 13, 2017 (1:00 – 4:00 PM)
2017 Popcorn Festival

In the Next 60 Days

- Aug 17, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg

Final Preparations for Catapult Into Scouting Sign-Up Night

Thanks to the great attendance at our Catapult Into Scouting Rally held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, all Northeast District Cub Packs should understand this year's sign-up night strategy and should have all of the materials needed for a successful **Thursday, August 17, 2017 Catapult Into Scouting Sign-up Night!**



To help Packs have a successful Fall Recruiting night, check out the following high level checklist:

- Place "Catapult Into Scouting" yard signs in your neighborhoods in early August
- Find out when your Back to School/Meet the Teacher night is and arrange to have an informational table set up for your Pack
- Secure volunteers to help with Catapult Into Scouting night - August 17, 2017 from 6-8 pm at your assigned school
- Make sure to turn in all applications, fees, Lowe's buckets, and extra kits to the Golden Burke Center directly after the event on August 17, 2017
- Bring your Enthusiasm & Fun!

With everyone's help, the Northeast District can have a highly successful Fall Recruitment night! Have questions? Contact the Northeast District Membership Chair, [Jennifer Fisher](#) or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#).

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Are You Going to the 2017 Scout Popcorn Festival?

It's hard to imagine, but online popcorn sales will begin in less than 10-days, and we are about 60-days away from the beginning of face-to-face popcorn sales! While it is a certainly a best practice to have unit kickoff meetings, the Crossroads of America Council is offering something a little different this year to get your Scouts and their families in the mood to sell popcorn!



On **Saturday, August 13, 2017** there will be a drop by **Popcorn Festival** to be held at **Camp Belzer** from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. During the Festival, Scouts can (1) sample popcorn, (2) try out prizes for top sellers and set their individual sales goal, (3) create online selling accounts, (4) learn about the Supercross Experience, (5) learn how to turn a "NO" into a "YES", and (6) develop a winning sales pitch. Additionally, there will be BMX trick riding demonstrations, face painting, inflatables, and shooting sports available for those who attend. To let the Council know that you are planning to attend, please pre-register [online](#).. There is no cost for this event.

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- Aug 17, 2017
NED Cub Scout Sign-Up Night
- Aug 18-20, 2017
Fall Wood Badge #1
- Aug 19, 2017 (8:30 – Noon)
Scoutmaster Specific Training
- Aug 27, 2017
Unit Popcorn Orders Due
- Sep 6, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Sep 8-10, 2017
Voyageur #1
- Sep 9-11, 2017
Fall Wood Badge #1
- Sep 10, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Sep 13, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Sep 15-17, 2017
OA Lodge Ordeal

In the Next 90 Days

- Sep 16, 2017 (8:30 – Noon)
BALOO Training
- Sep 20, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Sep 21, 2017 (6:30 – 7:30 PM)
Pack Committee Training
- Sep 21, 2017 (7:30 – 8:30 PM)
Den Leader Specific Training
- Sep 21, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Sep 22-24, 2017
United Methodist Scouting
Retreat
- Oct 1, 2017
Online Re-Charter Begins
- Oct 1, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Oct 4, 2017
Wood Badge Dinner
- Oct 4, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Oct 11, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables

NED Round Tables Start-Up Again in August (Note New Location)

Schools going back into session means two things: (1) as kids return to school, buses will be hitting the streets; please increase your attention while driving and expect the unexpected (let's be safe out there), and your NED Roundtables are restarting after our summer hiatus!



Please make a note that our **August 9, 2017 Northeast District Roundtables WILL NOT BE HELD** at Camp Belzer. Instead, we will be at the **Golden Burke Scout Center** (for August Roundtables only). We are looking forward to seeing you all there beginning at **7:00 PM!**

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Adult Position Specific Training Opportunities Approaching

An earlier review of the Northeast District's 2016 Journey to Excellence data clearly identified increasing the number trained adult leaders at the unit level as a clear need across our district. A quick review of our [Northeast District Training webpage](#) shows a number of training opportunities that have been scheduled over the next couple of months:



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| Saturday, August 19, 2017 | <u>Scoutmaster Position Specific, 8:30am - Noon</u> |
| Saturday, September 16, 2017 | <u>BALOO, 8:30am - Noon</u> |
| Thursday, September 21, 2017 | <u>Pack Committee Training, 6:30-7:30pm</u> |
| Thursday, September 21, 2017 | <u>Den Leader Position Specific, 7:30-8:30pm</u> |

Please click on the hyperlink associated with each session above to sign-up. We hope that all adult leaders that need these respective sessions will sign up and complete these required training sessions. Please contact [Jon Guimont](#), the Northeast District training chair, with any adult or youth training questions.

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Base Camp at Indiana State Fair Still In Need of Volunteer Staffing

As mentioned in the May issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*, the **Indiana State Fair** will run from **Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 20, 2017**, and Crossroads of America Council is still in need of volunteers to staff our **Base Camp** activity site.



If you can help by volunteering for a shift (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), please go online to register either as an individual Scout/Scouting family or as a Den/Patrol or Pack/Troop/Crew. 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 remember to log these hours in the [BSA Service Hour](#) database. To volunteer you will need to register [online](#).

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Re-Charter "Fun" Approaching Fast – Act Now to Be Prepared

When Randy Quaid uttered those famous words in the movie Independence Day...*"Hello boys, I'm back"*, you probably thought he was only talking to the aliens in the movie. You might not have realized it, but he was also referring to that time in every unit's life that we all know **and love**...annual unit re-charter time! You guessed it...it's time for units to



- Oct 11, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Re-Charter Help
- Oct 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](#)

begin thinking about this upcoming key activity. In this issue (and the next two issues of **The Northeast District 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 commitment and fees, as well as 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 17, 2017 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 or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) with any re-charter questions that you may have.

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Two-Step Sweet-N-Tangy Chicken

Are you looking for the simple main dish? If so, the attached menu from Kevin Spangler and Crew 317 couldn't be any simpler...it only has two steps!

Note: Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cooking Time: 30 minutes | Serves: 4



INGREDIENTS:



4 boneless chicken breasts
1 can tomato soup
1 Tbsp brown sugar
1 Tbsp vinegar
1/4 cup water
3 teaspoons minced garlic

DIRECTIONS:

1. Brown chicken on both sides in preheated Dutch oven
2. Add soup, water, vinegar, and sugar, cover and simmer until chicken is cooked through (about 1/2 hr at 350 degrees)

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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