



# The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### In the Next 30 Days

- Oct 22, 2017  
Popcorn Sales End
- Oct 23, 2017  
Re-Charter Turn in #1
- October 24, 2017  
Re-Charter Turn-in #2
- October 27-29, 2017  
[NED Fall Camporee](#)
- Oct 28, 2016  
[Outdoor Leader Skills](#)
- Nov 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Committee Mtg
- Nov 4, 2017  
Den Chief Training
- Nov 4, 2017  
[Central IN Merit Badge U](#)
- Nov 5, 2017 (4:00 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Nov 8, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Round Tables
- Nov 8, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg

## BREAKING NEWS - Boy Scouts of America to Serve Entire Family

In case you missed the announcement regarding Scouting's intent to begin serving the entire family, attached below is the official news release.



**Irving, Texas – October 11, 2017** – Today, the Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors unanimously approved to welcome girls into its iconic Cub Scout program and to deliver a Scouting program for older girls that will enable them to advance and earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout. The historic decision comes after years of receiving requests from families and girls, the organization evaluated the results of numerous research efforts, gaining input from current members and leaders, as well as parents and girls who've never been involved in Scouting – to understand how to offer families an important additional choice in meeting the character development needs of all their children.

"This decision is true to the BSA's mission and core values outlined in the Scout Oath and Law. The values of Scouting – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, kind, brave and reverent, for example – are important for both young men and women," said Michael Surbaugh, the BSA's Chief Scout Executive. "We believe it is critical to evolve how our programs meet the needs of families interested in positive and lifelong experiences for their children. We strive to bring what our organization does best – developing character and leadership for young people – to as many families and youth as possible as we help shape the next generation of leaders."

Families today are busier and more diverse than ever. Most are dual-earners and there are more single-parent households than ever before [1], making convenient programs that serve the whole family more appealing. Additionally, many groups currently underserved by Scouting, including the Hispanic and Asian communities, prefer to participate in activities as a family. Recent surveys [2] of parents not involved with Scouting showed high interest in getting their daughters signed up for programs like Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, with 90 percent expressing interest in a program like Cub Scouts and 87 percent expressing interest in a program like Boy Scouts. Education experts also evaluated the curriculum and content and confirmed relevancy of the program for young women.

"The BSA's record of producing leaders with high character and integrity is amazing" said Randall Stephenson, BSA's national board chairman. "I've seen nothing that develops leadership skills and discipline like this organization. It is time to make these outstanding leadership development programs available to girls."

Starting in the 2018 program year, families can choose to sign up their sons and daughters for Cub Scouts. Existing packs may choose to establish a new girl pack, establish a pack that consists of girl dens and boy dens or remain an all-boy pack. Cub Scout dens will be single-gender — all boys or all girls. Using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts program, the organization will also deliver a program for older girls, which will be announced in 2018 and projected to be available in 2019, that will enable them to earn the Eagle Scout rank. This unique approach allows the organization to maintain the integrity of the single gender model while also meeting the needs of today's families.

This decision expands the programs that the Boy Scouts of America offers for both boys and girls. Although known for its iconic programs for boys, the BSA has offered co-ed programs since 1971 through Exploring and the Venturing program, which celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. The STEM Scout pilot program is also available for both boys and girls. For more information about the expanded opportunities for family Scouting, please visit the [family Scouting page](#).

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- Nov 10, 2017  
Soles4Souls Collections Begin
- Nov 10-12, 2017  
OA Leadership Dev
- Nov 11, 2017 (9:00 AM)  
ScoutStrong 5K
- Nov 11, 2017 (1-7 PM)  
WD9BSA Open House

#### In the Next 60 Days

- Nov 16, 2017  
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Nov 27, 2017  
Soles4Souls Collections End
- Dec 3, 2017 (4:00 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Dec 6, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Elections/Pot Luck Dinner
- Dec 9, 2017 (1-7 PM)  
WD9BSA Open House
- Dec 12, 2017 (12:00 PM)  
Governor's Luncheon
- Dec 13, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Round Tables
- Dec 13, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg

#### In the Next 90 Days

- Dec 16, 2017 (9:00 AM)  
Breakfast with Santa
- Jan 6, 2017  
Firecrafter Mid-Winter Dinner
- Jan 10, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Round Tables
- Jan 10, 2017 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Jan 13, 2017 (8 AM – 5 PM)  
University of Scouting

#### 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](#)

## Re-Charter Turn-In – Don't Miss Your Assigned Date/Time

The time to turn in your unit's re-charter document is here! Each unit should know the date and time scheduled for your turn-in. If you are unsure, contact your unit commissioner immediately.



Please remember that on unit re-charter turn-in day, 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 Youth Protection Training (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).

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## Don't Forget to Enter Service Hours in Official BSA Database

At our recent Northeast District Committee Meeting we reviewed our District Journey to Excellence (JTE) data. We noticed that our district is tracking behind where we were last year at this time. Please help us on our JTE by making sure that all service hours for your unit have been entered in the official BSA database. A review of the steps to enter this data in the BSA database follows:



Select one service project type that best describes your project. Input the data requested:

- Date of the project
- Number of registered Scouts participating
- Number of non-Scouts (brothers, sisters, friends)
- Number of adult leaders participating
- Number of other adults participating
- Total hours worked (number of people times the length of time they worked)
- Organizations that joined you on the project
- Who or what organization benefited from the project
- Number of items collected (if applicable)

Click on "Submit." When you submit your information, you will be asked whether you have any additional projects to record. To print a certificate, press "Print Certificate."

If you have questions about tracking your unit's service hours, please don't hesitate to contact your unit commissioner or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) for help.

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## Don't Miss Upcoming Adult Leader Training

You won't want to miss these two upcoming adult training sessions being delivered by your Northeast District Training team.



**Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS):** We will be offering IOLS training at **Camp Kithawenund at the 2017 NED Fall Camporee on October 27-29, 2017**. IOLS is the BSA's outdoor training class for the top leaders of Boy Scout troops and is required to become position trained. It is designed for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and junior assistant Scoutmasters; however, committee members and other adults connected to a Boy Scout troop are welcome to attend. IOLS will provide you with the necessary skills to teach the requirements for Tenderfoot through First-Class ranks. Attendees must camp at least one night at the Fall Camporee.

- Saturday, October 28, 8:30am - 5:30pm: [IOLS Registration](#)

**Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training:** This course is intended to provide Cubmasters and assistant Cubmasters with the basic information they need to conduct successful pack meetings and lead the pack's annual program. If you have completed Youth Protection Training (YPT) you will be position trained for Cubmaster and assistant Cubmaster upon completion of this course.

- Thursday, November 16, 2017 - [Cubmaster Position Specific, 6:30-7:30pm](#)

Please contact [Jon Guimont](#), the Northeast District Training Chair, with any adult or youth training questions.

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## ScoutStrong 5K Approaching – New Course to be Unveiled

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 [6<sup>th</sup> Annual SCOUTStrong 5K run/walk](#). This event will be held at Camp Belzer on Saturday, November 11, 2017 beginning at 9:00 AM. This year's event includes a new course design.



All participants will not only get to race on this beautiful "closed to public" camp, but they will also get: electronic bibtag timing, Epic "ScoutStrong" finisher medals, options for short & long sleeve comfy shirt, and a great energy filled race atmosphere. Don't delay register today to reserve your SWAG, spot on the start line, and to support the Scouts!

To participate, register [online](#) before November 9, 2017. Registrations are only \$20 per participant (includes a free youth registration). Shirts are available for purchase at \$15.00 per shirt. All race proceeds directly support Crossroads of America Council's camp scholarship fund which provides financial assistance to Scouts attending camp.

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## Need Merit Badges? Central IN Merit Badge University Coming

The 7th annual Central Indiana Merit Badge Eagle Academy program will be held Saturday, November 4, 2017 in Greenfield, IN. To attend, you must pre-register. To receive more information on this event, you must register your e-mail address on the online registration website. You will be notified when online registration is activated.



To find out more about the merit badges that will be offered during this event, please see the event [website](#). Please email [jlabor@hotmaill.com](mailto:jlabor@hotmaill.com) if you have any questions.

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## Soles4Souls Council-Wide Service Project Begins Soon

OK...do yourself and needy souls around the globe a favor. Take a walk through your closets, and look under your beds at home. Take note of all of the shoes around your house that you **no longer wear**. Help reduce clutter around your home by donating those pre-worn **pairs of shoes\*** to the Crossroads of America Council-wide **Soles4Souls Service Project** that will be conducted between **November 10 – 27, 2017**. Our goal is to collect 25,000 shoes with 250 units participating.



The dates to drop off shoes for donation are **November 27- December 1, 2017** at **Golden-Burke Scout Center** (Indianapolis office), and November 27-29 for Terre Haute and Muncie offices. To learn more check the [2017 S4S fact sheet](#) and the [Unit Campaign booklet](#).

Please make sure to submit your [unit commitment form](#) as soon as possible. For more

information please contact Patrick Covell by [email](#) or by phone at (317) 813-7093.

\* Please tie pairs of shoes together before donating

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## The NED Recipe Exchange – Campfire Apple Crisp

Are you looking for a simple, easy to prepare warm dish for breakfast? If so, then this recipe for Campfire Apple Crisp should do the trick!



### INGREDIENTS (2 servings):

- 2 to 3 teaspoons of coconut oil
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons hemp seeds
- 2 tablespoons chopped almonds
- 2 small gala apples

### DIRECTIONS:

- Place a cast iron skillet on a grate over a hot, low burning fire\*
- Add the coconut oil and swirl until melted
- Next add the oats and toss in the oil to coat. Let toast for about 2 minutes
- Add the salt, cinnamon, and maple syrup. Toss to combine
- Sprinkle the hemp seeds and chopped almonds on top
- Core and slice the apples into 1/2 inch chunks. Add them to the skillet and mix well. Let the crisp cook for another 4 to 5 minutes, stirring every minute or so to prevent from sticking and to evenly cook

Serves 2...scale up accordingly. Enjoy!

\*Similarly you can make this dish over a stove top on medium heat.

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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