



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Jan 6, 2018
Firecrafter Mid-Winter Dinner
- Jan 10, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Jan 10, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Jan 13, 2018 (8 AM – 5 PM)
University of Scouting

In the Next 60 Days

- Jan 16, 2018
NED Committee Planning #2
- Jan 18, 2018
Firecrafter/OA Meetings
- Jan 19-21, 2018
OA Winter Gathering
- Jan 26-27, 2018
Duty to God Retreat
- Feb 2-3, 2018
Council Trade-O-Ree
- Feb 11, 2018
Scout Sunday Observation
- Feb 13, 2018 (7:00 PM)

Northeast District Volunteer Recognition Deadline Almost Here!

The deadline to submit nominations to recognize outstanding Northeast District volunteers is rapidly approaching. As was previously announced, volunteer and unit nominations should be completed and submitted on-line prior by our Northeast District January 2018 Round Tables. The line-up of potential recognitions include:

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

- [Cubmaster of the Year](#)
- [Scoutmaster of the Year](#)
- [Crew/Ship/Team Advisor of the Year](#)
- [Pack of the Year](#)
- [Troop of the Year](#)
- [Crew/Ship/Team of the Year](#)
- [Golden Spike Awards](#) (one nomination per unit)
- [District Award of Merit](#)

Please take time now to access the respective online nomination form, complete it, and **NOMINATE YOUR UNIT/LEADERS** for doing the splendid job for which they are famous. Contact [Laura Clay](#) if you have any questions.

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This Year’s University of Scouting Offers New Course Content

Let’s preview this year’s University of Scouting by the numbers: 159, 25, 8. The decoder is that at the University of Scouting, there are 159 unique training courses offered, 25 of these are NEW this year, all delivered in 8 hours! The line-up of new courses are as follows:



Course #	Course Title
PC154	Cub Scout Songs: Singing is a great addition to every program!
PC155	Cub Scout Magic: Don’t let the mystery of magic keep the tricks up your sleeve
PC248	Blue & Gold Basics: Get tips on how to plan and carry out the biggest event of the Cub Scout year
PC249	Scientific Wonders: How to deliver fun to your Cubs with science
PC250	Backyard or Pack Camping: requirements, planning for fun and advancement
PC251	Campfires: Learn how to organize your campfire and make them exciting
PC252	Making Keepsake Arrows (for Crossovers)
PC253	Neckerchief Slides: See how to make slides the whole Pack will envy
PC254	Pinewood Derby: Learn how to conduct a successful derby
PC255	Skits, Run-ons and Cheers: Bring PIZZAZZ to your meetings
PC256	Dealing with Cub-Age Boy
PC257	Tiger to Bobcat Dilemma
PB258	Campmaster: Learn how Campmasters can enhance your units program
PB259	Training Junior Leaders by Troop Training Coordinator
PB260	High Adventure Photography
PG298	Shooting Sports 2018
PG299	Using the Boy Scout Cloud Library
MC107	Lion Scouts: How Does This Program Work
MC108	Family Scouting (fun for the entire family)
GSG129	Three Fundamentals for Internet Security
GSG130	What Do District and Council Do for Me and My Unit
SUS106	Taking Sustainability to the Next Level
SUS107	Finances (and Sustainability)
SUS108	Making Your Plan a Reality
SUS109	Developing Sustainability Leaders

NED Recognition Dinner

- Feb 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg

In the Next 90 Days

- Mar 2-4, 2018
Marlinspike
- Mar 4, 2018 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoR
- Mar 7, 2018
NED Committee Meeting
- Mar 14, 2018 (6:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Mar 14, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Mar 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter 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](#)

This year's University of Scouting will be held on **Saturday, January 13, 2018** at **Warren Central High School**. The fee for attending the University is \$30, but if you [register online](#) before **January 7, 2018**, you can get the early bird discount (save \$5)!

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

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Introducing Northeast District's Newest Silver Beaver Winners

As in past years, the luncheon at the University of Scouting on January 13, 2018 will honor the current class of volunteers who will be selected to receive the highest recognition that the Crossroads of America Council can present to a volunteer...the Silver Beaver Award. This year the Northeast District has two volunteers who will be presented with this recognition. Below are direct excerpts from the nomination forms for this year's winners from the Northeast District.



Steve Creason

This candidate can truly be described as living the Scouting movement as a youth, adult, and father. As a youth member beginning in 1982, he worked as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout day camp counselor for many years, giving him the opportunity to mentor upcoming generations of Scouts- an experience he often recalls as one of the best in his life. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and continued to participate in his Troop as an assistant Scoutmaster through college and his twenties despite having no youth in the program. Shortly after this, he began volunteering on the district level, becoming part of the membership team, again working to inspire future Scouts. After his son was finally old enough, he became an active participant in his Pack serving as den leader and Cubmaster. Most recently, he has served concurrently as Cubmaster and district chair. Truly embodying what it means to be a good citizen, he has stayed involved with his alma maters volunteering to mentor and assist future attorneys This includes representing pro bono several students at Indiana colleges with various matters, serving as judge for moot court competitions at law school, and mentoring interns within the office of the attorney general. Always, he refers back to his time in Scouting as the source of this commitment to service, preparing boys and young men for life.



Kevin Spangler

Father of 4, grandfather of 2 and married for 20 years, this Scouter believes in the Oath and Law. Helping others is what he does best and always. He has helped so many youth and adults through scouting. I am sure he has impacted more lives than we can imagine, just by being an inspiration staff member at Wood Badge. He has encouraged the youth in his units to also help with Wood Badge. Many of them have been return Staff members as well. He has encouraged any youth under his leadership to pursue their dreams, adults too. He is always there to help a friend even when he is struggling himself. You might not always like what he has to say, but he is honest and truthful. He and 2 of the units he was in planned and executed some of the best camporees in the District. His unit has cooked for District Dinners, Blue and Golds and Eagle Ceremonies. He has received Cubmaster of the Year, the District Commissioner Green Jacket Award, been honored as Advisor of the Year and the Crew honored as Crew of the year in our District. I am not sure what else to say other than He is more than deserving of the Silver Beaver Award.



Even if you don't attend the University of Scouting as a learning event, you can still come out and attend the Silver Beaver luncheon. To attend the luncheon only, use the same [online registration](#) for the University of Scouting...only select that you want to purchase a ticket(s) for the Silver Beaver Luncheon. Come out and support Steve and Kevin as receive this well-deserved recognition!

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The 22nd Annual Governor's Luncheon Recap

Well, the 22nd Annual Governor's Luncheon for Scouting is in the books! If you attended and pledged, we THANK YOU! From all accounts, this event was a huge success, raising over \$1,000,000 toward this year's Friends of Scouting 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 2018 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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The 2nd Duty to God Retreat is Fast Approaching

The second annual [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, January 26, 2018** and from **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2018**.



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. Meals will be provided. There is still time to register or get more information. Contact "Wild Bill" Jensen via [e-mail](#) or at (317) 537-2256 or (317) 657-2182 for information or to register.

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Northeast District Round Tables Have a New Venue in 2018

Beginning with our January 2018 Round Tables (and Commissioner's Meetings), the Northeast District will be using a new location for these monthly gatherings. We are moving these meetings to the Golden Burke Scout Center. As in the past, all scheduled Commissioners' Meetings will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by Round Tables at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of every month (except February, June and July). Please make a note of this in your calendar. Questions? Contact District Executive, [Laura Clay](#).



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Happy Holidays from Your Northeast District Committee

As we close out an eventful 2017, your Northeast District Committee would like to take a minute to say THANK YOU to all volunteers in the Northeast District that delivered Scouting in our Packs, Troops, Crews, Ship and Team.

We hope you take time this holiday season to reflect on all of the great things that this year produced, spend time with family and friends making positive memories, and return ready to tackle all of the challenges that 2018 will bring!



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