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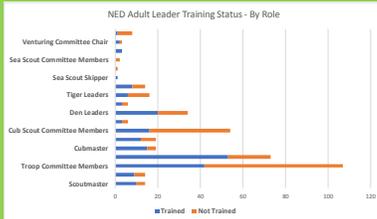
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Sep 20, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg
- Sep 21-23, 2018
Firecrafter Fall Frenzy

Best Practices for a Successful Re-Charter- Part 2 of 3

The clock to a successful re-charter continues to count down... approximately 38-days remain to your unit re-charter turn-in day. Now is not the time to panic! Take the advice provided by Lee



Iacocca, former CEO of Chrysler when he said, "Start with good people, lay out the rules, communicate with your employees, motivate them and reward them. If you do all those things effectively, you can't miss." Since you secured "good people" as outlined in the re-charter article in the August 2018 issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*, let's turn our attention to the rest of Lee Iacocca advice.

One of the key enablers to a successful re-charter is to "lay out the rules" and "communicate" to make sure that everyone understands them. Effectively communicating the **WHAT, WHEN, WHO** and **WHY** of re-charter will go a long way to making the re-charter process as painless as possible. Let's take what you need to communicate one at a time:

- WHAT = UNIT RE-CHARTER.** While this may seem straight forward, but don't forget to include all components that each re-chartering family needs to know: (1) communicate their commitment, (2) submit required fees, and (3) complete and submit documentation of all required training is up-to-date to **WHOM** by **WHEN**.
- WHEN = ESTABLISH DEADLINES.** While the deadline that your unit must submit your re-charter package to the Crossroads of America Council, BSA is set in stone (**October 24-25, 2018**), consider establishing a unit re-charter deadline a minimum of **two-weeks ahead** of the submission date. This will do three things – it will give your volunteers time to (1) accurately complete all on-line database entries for your unit, (2) connect with any current unit members who are delinquent with a commitment, fees or training prior to the turn-in deadline, and (3) obtain all needed signatures on the paperwork that will need to be submitted.
- WHO = IDENTIFY YOUR RE-CHARTER TEAM.** Make sure that let all unit members know who the volunteers are running unit re-charter for your unit. That way, when they are contacted by a unit re-charter volunteer they will understand their focus (re-charter commitment, fee collection, or training).
- WHY = WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM.** It is always best to "motivate them and reward them" to make your unit re-charter activities go smoothly. The key "what's in it for them" for all unit members is the ability to remain active with your unit without having to complete yet another BSA application!

If you have questions on the unit re-charter process, please contact your unit commissioner for help. Stay tuned...next month we will focus on the final steps in the unit re-charter turn-in process.

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- Sep 22-23, 2018
Catholic Scout Retreat
- Sep 28-30, 2018
NYLT Fall Weekend #1
- Sep 29, 2018
Cub Scout Fun Day
- Sep 29-Oct 1, 2018
Wood Badge Fall Weekend #2
- Oct 1, 2018 (7:00 PM)
CAC Online Re-Charter Begins
- Oct 3, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Oct 7, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Oct 10, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 10, 2018
NED Round Tables
- Oct 12-14, 2018
NYLT Fall Weekend #2

In the Next 60 Days

- Oct 18, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg
- Oct 20, 2018
Cub Scout Fun Day
- Oct 21, 2018
Popcorn Sales End
- Oct 24-25, 2018
Unit Re-Charter Due
- Nov 4, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Nov 7, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Nov 9-11, 2018
OA Leadership Dev
- Nov 10, 2018
OA Annual Banquet
- Nov 14, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Nov 14, 2018

Northeast District Fall Camporee Details Now Available

As previously announced, the **Northeast District Fall Camporee** will be held over the **September 28-30, 2018** weekend at **Camp Kikthawenund**. The theme for this camporee is **Science in the Woods...What Could Possibly Go Wrong?** All units may start to check-in at Camp Kikthawenund starting at 7:00 PM. Campsites will be assigned upon arrival based on pre-registration numbers. If a Webelos Den is pre-registered individually but desires to be in the same campsite as a particular troop, this information needs to be sent to [Jason Lopez](#) as soon as possible after registration to ensure that a campsite of sufficient size is available.



Here is a rundown on the competitions for the STEM/NOVA themed camporee:

- **Backpacking Meal Cooking Contest** - This is a competition that is done in pairs. Webelos and Scouts can enter this competition where a meal for two is brought in for judging.
- **Timed Circuit Building Contest** - Scouts/Webelo pairs will have 3-minutes to get the initial information. Then they will have 10-minutes to build the circuit. Scoring will consist of time to complete the circuit, functional and teamwork.
- **Campsite Inspection Contest** - Campsites will be visited starting at the time indicated, the actual inspection could occur any time after the start time. Extra points can be awarded for staying with the camporee theme of the Nova Awards (STEM theme).

Stations focused on NOVA/STEM themed activities will also be available on Saturday. They include:

- **Construction Zone** - Nothing says Scouting like the opportunity to take nothing and make something out of it. Troops and Packs are encouraged to bring any recyclable material that they can find. Please make sure that it is clean. Scouts will be using these recycling materials to build a Mars Base, Marble Runs and Marshmallow Launchers. This station will cover "Shoot!" For the Boy Scout Nova and "Out of the World" for the Cub Scout Nova.
- **The Grid** - Scouts will test their mathematical knowledge as they run through some games, and test their knowledge of cryptography and codes. This station will cover the "1-2-3-Go!" Cub Scout Nova.
- **Houston, We Are A Go!** - But, what does it take to get out of the atmosphere? What happens when they come back in? What if we wanted to send something out of this atmosphere and have it stay out for a while? Well, let's see how we would do that with some things we find available. This station will cover "Shoot!" for the Boy Scout Nova.
- **Eyes In The Sky** - Come see the software that helps us track the orbits of satellites around the Earth and the locations of the planets and sun. This station will cover "Shoot!" for the Boy Scout Nova and "Out of this World" for the Cub Scout Nova

The cost to participate in the camporee is \$10.00 per participant (the first two adult leaders from each unit are at no cost). To attend, please pre-register [on-line](#). To obtain more information on the camporee, please [download](#) a copy of the camporee booklet; questions should be sent directly to [Jason Lopez](#).

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Honor Flight Chili Competition Just Around the Corner

Does your den, patrol, pack, troop, crew or ship have the ultimate chili recipe? If so, there is an opportunity approaching that will allow you to participate in a Chili Cook-off and "strut your stuff". So, you say that you don't cook...that's OK...this is an opportunity to satisfy your chili craving while helping a deserving fund raiser.



NED Round Tables

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

In the Next 90 Days

- Dec 2, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Dec 5, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Dec 10, 2018 (12:00 PM)
Governor's Luncheon
- Jan 2, 2018
Firecrafter Mid-Winter Dinner

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](#)

On **Sunday, October 28, 2018**, the Knights of Columbus #3433 and the Indianapolis WWII Roundtable are sponsoring the **3rd Annual Chili Cookoff** to be held at **2100 E. 71ST Street, Indianapolis, IN**, with all proceeds to benefit Indy Honor Flights.

Those who wish to participate in the Chili Cookoff should contact Gloria Martin by [e-mail](#) or by calling 317-695-2020 by October 20, 2018. There is no entry fee to compete; all chili entries must fill a hotel-sized aluminum steam pan and will need to be set-up by 11:45am. To eat, a \$10 donation per person is requested except for Military Veterans and children 8 and under eat FREE.

As a bonus, our own Northeast District Troop 441 will handle the color guard duties and the Crossroads of America Scout Band will also perform. Come out and compete, or just eat to help send WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans to Washington, DC to see their memorials for free!

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Religious Retreats Approaching Fast – Sign-up Now

The twelfth point of the Scout Law is “A Scout is Reverent”. There are two upcoming religious retreats focused on helping Scouts live this point of the Scout Law.



First up is the **Catholic Scout Retreat** to be held at **Marian University** on **Saturday, September 22, 2018** beginning at 8:30 AM. Originally “capped” at a maximum of 50 participants, this Retreat has already accepted registrations from 60 participants. This Retreat will feature studies on St. Francis and St. Clare, a Rosary Walk, and Mass. The excitement continues when we join in the fun of the pre-game activities before the Knights play Olivet Nazarene. Some of these activities include Colts Play 60 Zone, a carnival, and a tailgate meal. Those attending the Retreat will be recognized during the football game and called out. All this and more for \$15. Contact [Angela Walker](#) with the Catholic Committee on Scouting at 317-698-0461 with questions and/or to register. All this and more for \$15.

The second is the **Duty to God Retreat** which will be held at **Gateway Church** on **Friday, January 18, 2019 (from 6 to 8 PM)** and **Saturday, January 19, 2019 (from 10 AM to 8 PM)**. Participating youth may earn their God and Me (Cub Scout), God and Family (Webelos), and God and Church (Boy Scout) religious awards. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, this retreat will be FREE for all participants! To register for this event, contact our District Chaplain, “Wild Bill” Jensen via [e-mail](#).

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Maximizing Your Popcorn Sales – Part 3

OK...Scout Popcorn Sales have been underway for about a month. Now would be a good time to pause and take a quick check on your popcorn sales strategy. Are you on track to meet or exceed your sales goal?



If you are on track, congratulations...keep up the good work! If you are not tracking as expected, don't panic as there is still time to adjust your strategy and redouble your efforts. Ideas to consider are:

- Have you been successful selling to family and friends? Consider reaching out to relatives that you have not contacted yet.
- Don't forget to have parents bring a popcorn order form to their place of employment (if allowed). You could be surprised how much popcorn you can sell with the help of your parents work colleagues.

- Have you gone back to houses that you initially canvassed, but no one was home when you initially rang their doorbell? You might be surprised that an informal survey conducted at a recent Northeast District Committee Meeting showed that about **60% of those in attendance had not been contacted to buy popcorn** this year!

Leave no doorbell un-rung! There is still time to meet or exceed your popcorn sales goal. Happy selling!

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NESA Eagle Scout Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

Do you know a young man who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout who could use some financial assistance for college? If so, then the [National Eagle Scout Association](#) may be a possible source for scholarships. The National Eagle Scout Association offers [two types of Eagle Scout scholarships](#):



- **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS** – These scholarships are based on school and Scouting participation, academic performance, and financial need. Applicants must score a minimum 1800 SAT (if taken before January, 2016), 1290 (if taken after March, 2016), or 28 ACT to apply. NESA academic scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts applying during their senior year of high school. Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held after October 31 of their senior year may apply during the next scholarship cycle in the following year even though they may be in college by this time. Winners may receive a scholarship one time only.
- **MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS** – These scholarships are based on school and Scouting participation, and community service. NESA merit scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school or undergraduate college students no farther than completion of the junior year. Recipients may receive the scholarship one time only.

The 2018 NESA scholarship cycle opened on **August 1, 2018**, with a deadline of **October 31, 2018**. Recipients will be notified by mail on July 15, 2019. All NESA [scholarship applications](#) must be submitted online. Please note that according to the NESA website, over 5,000 NESA scholarship applications are received annually and fewer than 200 are awarded, so the competition is stiff. Good luck!

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Northeast District Volunteer Training Offered

To support fully-trained leaders in time for the upcoming unit re-charter, the Northeast District training team is offering a number of sessions of the new Youth Protection Training and Den Leader Training in an instructor led format.



All sessions will be held at the Golden Burke Scout Center on the dates and times indicated below. Please take advantage of these offerings, if needed.

Youth Protection Training			Den Leader Training		
Date	Time	Room	Date	Time	Room
9/19/2018	7:00 PM	Shaheen	10/6/2018	11:00 AM	Shaheen
10/6/2018	9:00 AM	Shaheen	9/8/2018	11:00 AM	Shaheen
10/8/2018	7:00 PM	Shaheen	9/15/2018	11:00 AM	Shaheen
10/11/2018	7:00 PM	Shaheen	9/20/2018	7:00 PM	Shaheen
10/18/2018	7:00 PM	Shaheen	10/17/2018	7:00 PM	Shaheen
10/27/2018	11:00 AM	Shaheen	10/27/2018	11:00 AM	Shaheen

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University of Scouting – Get All Your Scout Training Here!

The **University of Scouting** for the Crossroads of America council will be held on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** at the **Carmel High School** in Carmel, IN. This is a fantastic event to complete required training and network with your fellow leaders. There are over 100 classes covering information from Cub Scouts to Venturing Crews. On-site registration starts at 7:00 AM and the first session starts at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$25 (early bird is \$20 due by November 9th). The fee covers a participant patch, certificate, materials, handouts and lunch ticket.



The University of Scouting is based on the BSA nationally recognized Four-Function Plan - which include:

- **Program** - training, camping/outdoor, advancement, and activities/civic service
- **Unit Service** - commissioner service
- **Finance** - including marketing
- **Membership and Relationships**



With the renewed effort to have fully trained leaders, there will be required position-specific courses offered, including Scoutmaster - PB107, Troop Committee - PB104, IOLS - PB109, Cubmaster/Den Leader/ Committee - PC258 and BALOO - PC103. Check out the entire slate of Scout training offering by connecting to their [online UofS catalog](#).

As course are filled on a first come first served basis, it is a good idea to [pre-register online](#) for this event. For more information, contact [Thomas Barrington](#) or [Sherry Webb](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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Don't Miss October's Northeast District Roundtables

This October's **Northeast District Roundtables** will be held at the **Golden Burke Scout Center** on **Wednesday, October 9, 2018** beginning at **7:00 PM**.

The agenda for is shaping up as a meeting that your unit will not want to miss! Before we dive into an overview, have your units created sign-up yet for leader attendance at our monthly Roundtables? Set a goal to have each unit adult leader attend at least one Roundtable per year. Spread the wealth and those leaders can report the news back to your unit. **Strong units are connected to the larger Scouting Community.**



A Scout is Helpful: In coordination with the Cub Scout theme of service, Roundtable attendees in October are asked to **bring a non-perishable food donation** for the *Community Cupboard of Lawrence*. Do your own "food drive" at your next unit committee meeting and have your Roundtable representative bring the goods.

Cub Scout Focus: Service ideas for Packs and Dens

What is the best source for new ideas for service? YOU ARE! Bring your successful ideas to share and be prepared to hear more from other units and the Roundtable staff.

Boy Scout Roundtable Focus: Girl Troops

Discussion with other leaders and Council professionals about this new and uncharted

adventure. What does this mean and how will it look for units in the NE District? How can we work together for a successful launch? Chartered Organization Reps may also want to attend.

Roundtable: The best place a"round" for new ideas, leader support, and scouting news!

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JAMBO on the Air Approaching – Catch All the Action!

Did you know that Northeast District's WD9BSA Venture Crew 173 will be hosting **Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) 2018** at **Camp Belzer** on **October 19-21, 2018**? So, you might wonder what's JOTA? Essentially JOTA is an annual event where scouts from all over the world connect with each other over amateur radio. More information about JOTA can be found [online](#).



All are welcome to visit the Venture Crew 173's radio station during the event. It is located in the basement of the Activity Center. So, feel free to come out to join the fun, or if you are attending Cub Scout Family Fun Day at Camp Belzer on that day, come downstairs to see our Venture Crew in action!

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Scout Day with Ball State Football– Catch All the Action!

That time of year that we all love has finally arrived. Yes, I'm talking about FOOTBALL...High School, College and Pro games are now in full swing. Are you looking for a fun den, patrol, pack, troop, crew, or ship outing that will let you take in some football? If so, Ball State University and Crossroads of America Council has just thing for you. Purchase tickets and attend **Scouts Day with Ball State Football** on **Saturday, September 29, 2018** beginning at **3:00 PM** where you can watch the Ball State Cardinals take on their MAC rival, the Kent State Golden Flashes in **Scheumann Stadium**.



And there is more...you can do this with specially priced tickets...only \$10 per ticket (general admission) or \$15 per ticket (preferred seating) when you order tickets through ballstatesports.com/ticketcode and use code: SCOUTS.

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BRAG Clean-Up Day Approaching – Help Needed!

The Scout motto is "Do A Good Turn Daily". There is an opportunity for our Scouts to "walk the talk" coming up. The Binford Redevelopment and Growth (BRAG) Area of Service has a **Clean-Up Day** scheduled for **Saturday, October 13, 2018** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**.



During this Clean-Up Day, volunteers will help remove trash and plant some trees. To participate, meet at **George's Neighborhood Grill** parking lot. Questions about this service hour can be addressed to Christine Dossman via [e-mail](#) or by calling 317-213-3248.

If you have scouts that participate, please don't forget to enter their service hours in the national [BSA Service Hour](#) database.

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