



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 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 2-3, 2018
College of Commissioners Science
- Nov 4, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Nov 7, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg

BREAKING NEWS – Meet Your New Northeast District Executive

Exciting News...the Northeast District, once again, has a full-time district executive! Jamie Kowalczyk joined Crossroads of America Council on October 1, 2018. Read on to learn about Jamie in her own words.



I recently moved from Chicago where I served as the Lead Supervisor at the Village of Niles Teen Center. I graduated from the University of Evansville in May of 2017 with a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. During my college career I volunteered with Circle K International and the American Cancer Society in addition to completing numerous internships, and serving as an Assistant Camp Director for local summer camps.

In my spare time, I enjoying spending time with friends and family, reading, and going to as many concerts as possible. I am excited to be taking on this new role as District Executive and I look forward to working with all of you soon!

You can contact Jamie via e-mail (jkowalcz@crossroadsbsa.org), or via phone (Office: 317.813.7133 | Cell: 847.877.6854).

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

Just a little over a week until your unit re-charter turn-in date. If you haven't started the re-charter process within your unit yet, **NOW IS THE TIME TO PANIC...**just kidding!



There is still time, but it will require great focus. The final week prior to turning in your re-charter paperwork will require the same approach as General Colin Powell used when he led Operation Desert Storm in 1991...“Never neglect details. When everyone's mind is dulled or distracted, the leader must be doubly vigilant.” Let's review a checklist of details that you will need to keep in the front of your mind to successfully complete your unit re-charter.

- ✓ Reconcile re-charter commitments, fees collected, and training records for all current/pending new members to your unit. Red flag any issues (i.e., missing fees, Youth Protection Training [YPT], etc.) for immediate follow-up. Don't forget that all of your Pack Cub Scout leaders must have completed their required training before turning in your re-charter documents. Failure to assure that this happens will impact the processing of your re-charter documents.
- ✓ If you are adding any new scouts or adults during unit re-charter, double check all applications for appropriate signatures; don't forget to confirm that all adult applications have provided their social security/driver's license numbers and provided permission for BSA to conduct a background check. Failure to have a completely filled out application will result in those application being “kicked-back” until it is correctly filled out.
- ✓ If current YPT is missing for either a re-chartering or new adult member,

- Nov 9-11, 2018
OA Leadership Dev
- Nov 10, 2018
OA Annual Banquet
- Nov 14, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Nov 14, 2018
NED Round Tables
- Nov 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg

In the Next 60 Days

- Nov 17, 2018
University of Scouting
- Nov 17, 2018 (7:00 PM)
[Scout Night with Pacers](#)
- Dec 2, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Dec 5, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Dec 8, 2018 (8:00 AM)
[ScoutStrong Jamboree](#)
- Dec 10, 2018 (12:00 PM)
Governor's Luncheon

In the Next 90 Days

- Jan 2, 2018
Firecrafter Mid-Winter Dinner
- Jan 2, 2018
NED Committee Mtg
- Jan 9, 2019 (6:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Jan 9, 2019 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables

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***

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Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

communicate one final “drop dead” date prior to re-charter turn-in date to members still needing to successfully complete and submit documentation of this on-line training. **If the deadline comes and goes without YPT completion, remove them from the re-charter list.**

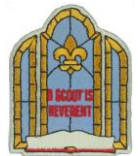
- ✓ You will need to schedule a “signing party” for the re-charter documents. All new scout applications will need to be signed by the unit lead (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venture/Ship Crew Advisor); all new adult applications will need to be signed by the Troop Committee Chair AND the Chartered Organization Rep. The actual re-charter documents will need to be signed by the Unit Leader, and the Unit Executive Officer (the designated member of the chartering organization) prior to turn-in and sign-off by our Northeast District Executive.
- ✓ 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 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).

If you have any re-charter questions during this last two weeks before your turn-in date, please don't hesitate to contact your unit commissioner.

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Catholic Retreat A Success – Duty to God Retreat Approaching

Well, the Catholic Scout Retreat is now “in the books”. With over 50 attendees, it was a huge success. Thank You to everyone who attended or helped to ensure that your youth attended the Catholic Scout Retreat at Marian University on Saturday, September 22, 2018, our studies included St. Francis and St. Clare, a Rosary Walk, and Mass. The excitement continued with the Knight's pre-game activities which included Colts Play 60 Zone, a carnival, and then being called out onto the field during the football game. It was all wonderful.



Also, don't forget that the **Duty to God Retreat** 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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2018 College of Commissioner Science Approaching Fast!

As friends, teachers and counselors to unit leaders, Commissioners represent the ideals, principles and policies of the Boy Scout program while providing the resources of the district and council to the units they serve. Their primary purpose is to help units succeed! Currently, the Northeast District is blessed with many excellent volunteers in this role, but we need more volunteers.



If you are currently a Northeast District Commissioner and want to sharpen your skills, or you would like to learn more about this volunteer role, you are in luck. The 2018 version of the **College of Commissioner Science** is scheduled at nearby **Camp Belzer's Activity Center** on **Friday evening, November 2, 2018 and Saturday, November 3, 2018**.

Friday evening's activities will begin with onsite check in beginning at 5:45pm, with the night's event starting at 6:30 PM. The theme for Friday evening's session is "Having Joy in the Journey - Serving with a Servant's Heart, makes us UNIT STRONG!" and will include a mixer, keynote address, panel of experts, refreshments, and fun! Saturday's session is framed around the theme "UNIT STRONG", underscoring the importance of the Commissioner's role in uplifting the entire Scouting Program!

Tuition for this year's College of Commissioner's Science is \$25.00 if paid by October 20, 2018 and \$30.00 thereafter. This fee includes breakfast, lunch, patch, keynote address, and course materials. As this year's College of Commissioner's Science is limited to 150 participants, please pre-register [online](#) soon.

For more information on this event, download the 2018 College of Commissioner's Science [flyer](#).

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NED Nomination Deadline for District Recognitions Approaching

Yes, it's only the middle of October, but Halloween, Thanksgiving dinner, Black Friday, Christmas morning and New Year's Eve will be here in a blink of an eye.

**SUBMIT A
NOMINATION**

As we begin to think of preparations for these family holiday events, now would also be an excellent time to pause and nominate a great Northeast District volunteer and/or unit for recognition at our Annual Recognition Dinner to be held in February 2019. While the deadline to complete nomination forms is still a couple of months away, now would be a perfect time to sit down and complete those nomination forms before the holiday season is upon us. The line-up of potential recognitions includes:

- [Unit Leader 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 nomination form, download a copy, complete it, and **NOMINATE YOUR UNIT/LEADERS** for doing the splendid job for which they are famous. Nominations will be due no later than our **December 14, 2018** Annual District Meeting. Contact [Jamie Kowalczyk](#) if you have any questions.

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Northeast District Volunteer Training Still Available

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
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 **Carmel High School** in Carmel, IN. This is a fantastic event to learn and grow in Scouting!



This year, there are a number of new, or significantly revised, courses. They include:

- **PB261 Beyond the Basic Training – Wood Badge & NYLT**
- **PC258 All Den Leaders, Cubmasters and All Assistants Specific Training**
- **PC259 Help! The Cub Scouts Are Out of Control**
- **PG300 NOVA and SuperNOVA**
- **PG301 Astronomy 101**
- **PG302 Scoutbook Lite**
- **PG303 Are You Really Prepared for Your Unit Camping Trip**
- **PG304 New Youth Protection Training**
- **PG305 Leave No Trace – Awareness**
- **MG227 Family Scouting**
- **MG228 The Unit Scout Chaplain & The Unit Scout Chaplain Aide**
- **MG229 Transition Tools for Welcoming LDS Scouts & Scouters into Your Unit**
- **MG230 Making International Connections**
- **FNG232 Advanced Social Media: Twitter, Snapchat, Webhooks, Instagram, Instant Messaging – how our youth relate and communicate.**
- **GSG132 Give a Mouse a Cookie, He'll Ask You for a Password**
- **GSG133 Developmental & Behavioral Differences Between Cub-age Boys & Girls**

As courses 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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November NED Roundtable – Something for Everyone!

This November's **Northeast District Roundtables** will be held at the **Golden Burke Scout Center** on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** beginning at **7:00 PM**. The agenda for this meeting is shaping up to be one that your unit will not want to miss!



Currently on tap for our coming month's Roundtable are:

- **General Session:** Announcements and Flyers
- **Cub Scout Breakout sessions:**
 - **Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold, other Regattas:** Come learn tips from the pros for organization, promotion, and location. We will also discuss ideas for Crossover Ceremonies. FYI: Due to changes from the national level, OA will not be providing the traditional Ceremonial Team Crossovers this year. A great session for Committee members, Cubmasters, and Den Leaders.
 - **Lions and Tigers:** Leaders, Parents, and Guides will come together to hear and share tips for activities and management for these important programs. ***Be sure that your unit Lion and Tiger leaders are aware of this session.***
- **Boy Scout Breakout session:** Topics TBD

Looking ahead, please note that our December Roundtable night (**December 14, 2018**) will be used for the **Annual District Meeting**. Mark this on your calendar...all are welcomed!

If you have questions about Roundtable or suggestions for future programs, contact [Terry Prather](#).

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Good Turn for Nature Service Opportunities Abound!

The **Good Turn for Nature** service initiative started on September 19, 2018; however, there is still plenty of time (ends November 4, 2018) for your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Den, or Patrol to “roll-up your sleeves” and give back to the out-of-doors by selecting a location and time for a Good Turn for Nature service project.



Units can pick from the following list of available activities, whether it is an event with a specific date and time or a project where they can work with the host organization contact person to select a date and time:

- [Binford Redevelopment and Growth \(BRAG\)](#)
- [Cope Environmental Center](#)
- [Fishers Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Hamilton County Parks and Recreation](#)
- [Indiana State Parks, Fort Harrison State Park](#)
- [Keep Indianapolis Beautiful](#)
- [Marian University Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab](#)
- [Mounds State Park](#)
- [Raccoon State Recreation Area \(Cecil M Harden Lake\)](#)
- [Red-tail Land Conservancy](#)
- [Richmond Rose Garden](#)
- [Shades State Park](#)
- [Summit Lake State Park](#)
- [Terre Haute Parks & Recreation Department - Dobbs Park](#)
- [The Nature Conservancy](#)
- [Turkey Run State Park](#)
- [Whitewater Memorial State Park](#)

“Create Your Own Good Turn for Nature Event” by clicking [here](#).

This Fall please consider joining our council community service project. When you do,

please remember to log your unit service hours in the [BSA Database](#). For more information about the **Good Turn for Nature** service initiative, please email [Patrick Covell](#) or call at (317) 813-7093

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Silver Beaver 2019 Nomination Deadline Moved Earlier in 2019!

The **Silver Beaver Award** is the highest council-level recognition that can be given to an adult volunteer. Upon nomination by their local Scout council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. This award is given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it.



The timing for presenting the Silver Beaver Award is being moved from the University of Scouting Luncheon to the Council Recognition Dinner scheduled for June 2019. This has resulted in a new, much earlier, deadline for nominations for the highest award a Council can give to an adult volunteer. The nomination period is already open and will close on **February 28, 2019**.

As the nomination has to cover all aspects of the nominee's adult career: Scouting youth, Non-Scouting youth, Community, Social, Religious, etc. and must include multiple letters of recommendation means that it is not too soon to begin the nomination process. To begin, download the fillable nomination form from the [Council Silver Beaver award page](#). When multiple adults wish to nominate the same adult volunteer (and you know you do!), please submit one nomination form with all pertinent information, and multiple "Letters of Recommendation" rather than multiple nomination forms.

The Northeast District has a long line of exceptional volunteers who have been presented the Silver Beaver Award. Let's add to this list by nominating outstanding volunteers worthy of receiving this honor.

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Scout Night with the Indiana Pacers Is Almost Here!

Are you looking for a fun Den, Patrol, Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship activity for both scouts and their families? Then, the Indiana Pacers may be just thing that you are looking for! Scouts are invited to attend the **Atlanta Hawks vs. Indiana Pacers** on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** (7:00 PM Tipoff).



Purchasing tickets through this offer includes:

- Shoot a free throw on the main court after the game.
- Have access to a Q&A with a Pacers player after the post-game free throw
- A free hot dog, bag of chips, small Pepsi product, and Pacers hat (through the Scout value package \$30-\$50 ticket option only).
- and a FREE patch!

If you want to sit with your pack or troop, you must purchase all tickets together. Otherwise, each individual order will be filled separately, but you must **ACT FAST**, as the order deadline is **Wednesday, October 17, 2018**. To learn more, please click [here](#) for the event flyer.

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