



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” September 2014



Crossroads of America Council

Fishing Derby this Weekend!

By Dana Harrison

The fishing derby is scheduled for September 13th, 2014.
Select link below to be directed to event details.



http://sugarcreek.homestead.com/Fishing_Derby_2014.pdf

Here is the link for online registration for the Fishing Derby.

www.scoutingevent.com?SCfishingderby

Boundry Waters 2014

By Rich Vogler

Boy Scout Troop 318, chartered with the First United Methodist Church, made plans last year at a troop annual planning camp out to attend the Boundary Waters Northern Tier territory for a canoeing adventure located in beautiful Ely Minnesota. The twelve scouts enjoyed four nights and five days of canoeing, camping, fishing, portaging and many other activities. The scouts enjoyed a the warmest day of the year for Ely at 95 degrees on Monday with an exciting lightening and thunderstorm Monday night. The weather the rest of the week was picture perfect except for the biting black flies and swarms of mosquitoes at night. The yellow class B troop T-shirt was signed by the entire crew and now hangs prominently in one of the bunk houses on the lake at Williams and Hall. A CAC council strip also hangs proudly inside the main building for all to enjoy. All in all the trip was a great time and everyone returned home safe and sound, even with the scout trailer flat tire just North of Madison, Wisconsin.



Popcorn 2014

The popcorn sale is right around the corner! I hope you are all excited! Thanks to all the units who have attended one of the Council Kickoffs. If you have yet to attend a kickoff, there are still 2 chances. The first is August 14th at Perry Meridian. The last kickoff will be August 21st at the Knights of Columbus in Muncie. If your unit has two adults attend at least one training, your unit will earn an additional 1% commission.

The initial popcorn order will be due on September 5th.

This year, we will be doing distribution on Thursday, September 18th. More information will follow soon on signing up for a time.

Throughout the sale, if you have any questions, or need any assistance, please contact John Fitzpatrick, Sugar Creek District Popcorn Kernel. His email is sc_popcorn@outlook.com.

Training

Because of great success with the Training Camp program, it will return again this summer. A leader, who completes their required training to become a fully-trained leader through online training modules and volunteer led courses, will have an opportunity to earn a free, limited edition Council Training Camp Shoulder strip. Visit <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Training/CourseDescriptions.aspx> to download the forms: Training Camp Flyer, Cub Scout Leader Patch form, Boy Scout Leader Patch form, Venturing Leader Patch form and Team Leader Patch form. Sugar Creek District is making it a priority to get its leaders basic trained, and we have trainers ready to help make it happen on an "On-Demand" schedule. Our district training team will be reaching out to Committee Chairs, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters to arrange dates and times to come train members of your leadership teams that are not basic-trained. If you have any questions about what trainings you or your unit's leaders still need, or if you would like to schedule a training to take place during one of your unit's leader meetings, please feel free to call Steve Taylor (765-676-6666) in Boone or Clinton County, or Will Turner (765-267-0948) in Montgomery County or Tom James

Membership

Thank you to everyone who helped with the initial 4 weeks of the Fall Recruitment Campaign. We signed up a lot of scouts, but reached out to so many more boys who have not yet completed applications.

If your Pack has applications to turn in, please either bring them to Roundtable, or make arrangements with Tom to have them picked up. We need to get every boy registered that we can. If you have any families who need financial assistance, let Tom know. If your Pack wants to do another sign-up night, let Tom know.

Again, thanks to everyone, but our jobs are not finished! Let's keep recruiting those new scouts!

Fall Camporee

The theme for this year's Fall Camporee is "Hoosiers in History". The Camporee is scheduled for November 7-9, 2014, at Camp Cullom.

Events include:

Bottle Rocket Design & Launch Height - inspired by the numerous astronauts and engineers who hail from Purdue
 Newspaper Tower - inspired by Charles A. Ellis, Purdue grad and designer of the Golden Gate Bridge
 Measuring by Eye - Inspired by William Clark, member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition
 Tomahawk Throw - inspired by Tecumseh, famous Shawnee Leader
 Build a shelter - inspired by Abraham Lincoln
 Geocaching - inspired by Squire Boone, brother of Daniel Boone and an early settler of Indiana
 Pack for a week in the Boundary Waters - inspired by the French voyageurs
 Skits & Songs - inspired by famous entertainers from Indiana, including Red Skelton and "Hoagy" Carmichael
 Popcorn Challenge - inspired by Orville Redenbacher, Indiana native and popcorn pioneer

Bottle Caps to Benches!

Noah Vernon from Troop 359 is collecting plastic bottle caps of all types for a project to turn them into a bench. His goal is to collect 400 lbs and have it molded into a bench like the one shown below. Please help Noah achieve his goal by collecting and bringing the caps to round table meetings. The caps can be given to Noah or his father Bob Vernon. If you have questions please contact Bob at 765-409-3288



Commissioner's Corner

By: Will Turner

I hope everyone's scouting year is off to a good start. I think we have an exciting year planned here in Sugar Creek. The district chair, Paul Rusk, and the district committee are hard at work planning many events, and we are off to a good start with higher recruiting numbers this August than last.

With the fall comes popcorn sales and soon rechartering season. You should receive an email from the council soon about rechartering, and we will have a short session about it at the September roundtable. We are again using the online rechartering system, but this year we will have sessions to turn in your unit recharter paperwork and fees in each county at the end of October. Please watch the newsletter and the roundtable for more information.

Hand-in-hand with rechartering is the Journey to Excellence (JTE) award. Now is the time to review your unit's JTE progress and to start planning for 2015. The award is really designed to be used year-round to help improve your unit's performance, not just as a set of check boxes to fill in at the end of the year, and the 2015 scoresheets are already available on the national website.

The commissioner corps is here to help the units serve the scouts. We have some ideas to try to improve roundtables and our service to individual units, but we can always use more ideas. If you have any, or need our help with something, please let me or one of my commissioners know.

I look forward to an exciting year in Sugar Creek district and getting to know each of you!

Yours in Unit Service,
William Turner
District Commissioner, Sugar Creek District

