



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” October 2014



Crossroads of America Council

Below are a few Boy Scout projects that were funded in 2012.

Funding youth projects across Boone County

By: Reece Thompson

Boone County Youth as Resources (YAR) is a program that funds youth led projects and promotes volunteerism from all youth. So if you have an idea or project that will better the community you can apply for a grant and receive up to \$1000. Funds may be used on community or Eagle Scout projects. For more information plan on attending one of the workshops below.

11/6/2014 Thorntown Grant Workshop 6:30-7:30pm
Thorntown Public Library

11/11/2014 Zionsville Grant Workshop 7:00-
8:00pm Hussey-Mayfield Library

11/20/2014 Lebanon Grant Workshop 7:00-8:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

This year YAR will be asking groups to focus on four priority areas: Education, Health, Income and Basic Needs.

If you have questions please visit their web site
<http://www.uwci.org/programs/youth-as-resources>

If you are from Montgomery County click below for information on YAR
<http://www.mcysb.org/YAR.html>

Agility Equipment for the Dogs - \$697.22
Boy Scout Troop 358 built agility equipment made from PVC pipe for the Boone County Humane Society. They built several different types of equipment, including jumps, ladders, a sea saw, and weaver poles that will be used at events to help promote the adoption of pets.

Mechanicsburg Cemetery Restoration - \$765.39
Boy Scout Troop 350 reset and cleaned headstones, some which include civil war veterans, at Mechanicsburg Cemetery. They also created a pathway for visitors and cleared brush and weeds from the cemetery.

Sign Construction for Howard School - \$736.64
Boy Scout Troop 359 constructed a sign similar to ones seen at state parks for the historic Howard School in south western Boone County. Landscaping was also done around the sign using appropriate mulching and brick edging.



Popcorn 2014

The popcorn sale has been in full swing for almost three weeks! How is your unit's sale going? Is it down from past years? Has it been a huge success? We want to hear about it. Send us an update at sc_popcorn@outlook.com.

Make sure you have the following dates on your radar:

October 15 - Initial Payment of 15% of the invoice amount due to the council
 November 4 - Popcorn Sale Ends (for sheet sales)
 November 4 - Final Popcorn order DUE through the online popcorn system
 November 4 - Unit Prize Orders Due
 November 4 - Final Day to return product to the Council
 November 20 - Final Popcorn Distribution (more details to come out in early November)
 December 5 - Final Payment DUE

Throughout the remainder of the sale, if you have any questions, or need any assistance, please contact John Fitzpatrick.

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 you 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.

Register at:

www.scoutingevent.com?SC14FallCamporee

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

Rechartering

By: William Turner

The online recharter system is now live! All unit leaders and committee chairs should have received an email in the last week of September with their unit's access code. The District Commissioner, William Turner (wjturner@nesa.org), also has the access codes for all the units if someone still needs it.

Every unit should access the online system as soon as possible to ensure they know how to interact with the system. The unit should designate one person to do this and serve as the charter renewal processor for the unit. Please forward that person's name, email address, and phone number(s) to our Senior District Executive, Tom James (tjames@crossroadsbsa.org), so we can include this person on any future charter-related communications.

The unit will need to submit its completed charter renewal packet at one of the charter renewal submission opportunities listed below. This year we will assign each unit a 15-minute window to submit its packet at one of the opportunities in each county, which we hope will make the entire process go much more smoothly. Please come to the October roundtable to sign up for a time slot!

Sugar Creek District Turn-In Opportunities

- Thursday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Church
319 E. South St., Lebanon, IN 46052
- Wednesday, October 29
 - 7 p.m. - Crawfordsville District Public Library
205 S Washington St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Conference Room in Basement
 - 6:30 p.m. - Lebanon Public Library
104 E Washington St, Lebanon, IN 46052
Bud Falke Small Business Meeting Room
 - 6:30 p.m. - Frankfort Community Public Library
208 W Clinton St, Frankfort, IN 46041
Board Room - Room 212

If these dates are not convenient, contact the District Commissioner or Senior District Executive to schedule a mutually agreeable time to submit the packet before the **October 29, 2014 due date**.

Commissioner's Corner

By: Will Turner

Autumn is here, and with it popcorn sales and rechartering season. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information. Also remember to submit your unit's Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms with your charter renewal packet, even if the unit does not qualify for an award. These forms can help you see how you might work to improve your unit next year. 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.

We also have a lot of other things happening in the district. Last month saw the Fishing Derby, which was a success once again. The Fall Camporee is coming in early November, and David Hovde and his staff are planning an action-packed program. Then in December, Mike McKeown is planning a Cub Olympics at the Athena Center in Crawfordsville. Others are also already working in several events for the spring.

Finally, remember, the commissioner corps is here to help the units serve the scouts. If you need our help with something, or have any ideas on what we can do to improve roundtables and our service to individual units, please let me or one of my commissioners know. We are here to serve you!

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



Service Hours

If anyone would like to turn in their service hours without their Unit ID number they can use the link below. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v7vmkVA0iDiQKTG4u-m8tG8lsHaGKwMrQbd93olBHig/viewform>

They can also do it from the button on the front page of crossroadsbsa.org



Fishing Derby 2014

By: Dana Harrison

The 2014 Sugar Creek District Fishing Derby was held at Frankfort's City Lagoons on Sept. 13, from 1pm to 4. It was a bright and sunny day, a little windy at first, for a Cub Scout and his fishing partner to toss a line in the water and wait for the tug, or just set side by side and talk about the "good old days". There were 93 fishing teams made up of a Cub Scout and his Mom or Dad or Grandpa or Special Kin. The fish were biting about like last year at this exceptional pond with more than 850 fish caught, all turned loose again. So the excitement and interest was high, but deep down every Scout wanted the trophy for the biggest or most fish caught. The Cub Scouts that did take home the trophies this year were:

Tiger Cub Scouts: Most Fish Caught: First Place with 34 fish, Noah Earl from Pack 316, second place, Aiden Kincer, Pack 909 with 19 fish, and in third was Dylan Sheets, from Pack 550 catching 12 fish. Only 2 Catfish were caught this year one by a Tiger and One by a Bear, the largest Catfish this year was caught by Aiden Stephenson from Pack 909, it was 10 inches! Largest Bluegill caught: Joey Piekarski Pack 359 caught a 6 inch bluegill, second place, Dylan

Sheets Pack 550, Third place in Bluegill went to Pack 909 with Aiden Stephenson catching 5.5 inch fish.

Wolf Cub Scouts: The Most Fish caught was by Christian Mooneyhan, catching 95 fish taking home first place for most fish caught over-all, Aidan Henson, Pack 350 caught 40 fish and Zach Davis Pack 316 caught 13 fish. Zach David Pack 316 caught the largest Bluegill for the Wolfs a 8 inch Jackson Woods caught a 7 inch Bluegill. Joseph Melton, Aidan Henson and Tyler Petroski all caught 6 inch Bluegills. There were only two "Other fish" caught this year Pack 311, caught the largest Other at 8 1/2 inches, caught by Dayton Rustin.

Bear Cub Scouts: Draven Corkwell, Pack 311, caught the largest bluegill at 7 inches, Douglas Newton, Pack 311, caught second and Dylan Ballenger Pack 323 caught 6.5" fish. The most fish caught by a Bear was Conner Coffin, Pack 909 with 48 caught, second place was Skyler Lonsberry Pack 316 with 46 and Bo Resler, Pack 337, caught 41. The Largest Catfish caught for the Bears was Hunter Harness, Pack 316, caught a 8" catfish.

Webelos Cub Scout: Matthew Barnes, Pack 323 caught the largest bluegill at 8 inches, second place went to Dalton Edwards, Pack 311 and Joshua Russell, Levi Ballenger, Christian Kincer all caught 7 inch Bluegill. Jack Utterback, Pack 350, caught the largest Other fish with an 9.5 inch small mouth bass. For most fish caught first for the Webelos Scouts, Kelton Jackson, Pack 323 caught 68, second Jack Utterback, Pack 350, caught 49.

The overall Trophy went to the host Pack, Pack 316 from Suncrest Elementary School in Frankfort with the most fishermen, at 18 Cub Scouts and their partners. Coming in second place this year was 318, with 13 scouts and their partners, the rest of the packs in attendance were Pack 311 from Michigantown, Pack 323 from

Linden United Methodist Church, Pack 336 from Mulberry community Club, Pack 337 from from Rossville, Pack 338 From St. Matthew's UMC Frankfort, Pack 350 from Grandville Wells Elementary, Pack 359 from Lebanon, Pack 370 from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pack 550 from Sugar Plains Friends Church, Pack 909 American Legion Byron Cox Post #72, Altogether we had 12 Cub Scout Units from all three county of Sugar Creek District in attendance.

Special thanks to Mayor McBarnes, Dennis Shirar and Jim Strode for their help setting this up and the care and upkeep they take care of the Lagoons. We liked this group of ponds and how well stocked it was we have already made arrangements to return for all of Sugar Creek District Fishing Derbies until the ponds run dry or we catch all the fish in them.

Also, special thanks to Mark and Kathy Glass, Steve Gray, Tom James and Tony & Linda Solano, and little Tony, Wendell Zetterberg and everyone else for their help this year with the record keeping and book work. And thanks to our District Ex, Tom James, for coming out and diving right into the middle of things. A very special thanks to all the Boy Scouts that came out and helped, we really appreciate the great work they offered, and the Scouting spirit they show the younger Cub Scouts. We want to thank Ribbons by Sheryl Phillips, The Athletic Annex and Emblem Enterprise for the Ribbons, Trophies and Patches. By the way, any ribbons not picked up will be at the District Roundtable in October.

This was the 19th Sugar Creek District Fishing Derby, 16 years of sun shine and good memories, two years of wet and cloudy days; the District hopes that next years derby will bring all these Cub Scouts and their families back, along with all their friends who have joined the Boy Scout family, to catch all the old fish and all their relatives. Next years Sugar Creek Fishing

Derby, Celebrating the 85th year of Cub Scouting, will be Held in at the Frankfort Lagoons on September 12, 2015, weather permitting.

If you have nothing planned for that day, and are not going to be bringing your Cub Scout, come on out and help us with the 2015 Fishing Derby. We can always use the help. And if your son has crossed over into Boy Scouting and would like to come out and help, he can earn community service time helping at the derby. Everyone wins.

If you would like information on joining the Boy Scouts of America you can contact the Crossroads of America Council at: (877) 925-1900, go to the council web site:

www.crossroadsbsa.org, or
www.becomeascout.org.



Pictures taken by professional photographer Erick Dircks of <http://www.dircksphoto.com/>

Click below to read article from Clinton county news and have access to nearly 300 pictures taken at the fishing derby.

<http://www.clintoncountydailynews.com/lets-go-fishing-boy-scouts-fish-at-derby/>

Attention Clinton County Troops
Frankfort Fire Explorer Post is now organizing. If you have any scouts who are Freshman or older, and are interested in a career in the Fire Service, have them contact Tom James. tjames@crossroadsbsa.org