



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” November 2014



Crossroads of America Council

Cub Scout Pack 318 Visits the Pumpkin Patch

By: Richard Vogler

Local Cub Scout Pack 318 visited the Priebe's Pumpkin Patch on Tuesday, October 21. The evening was perfect with each scout getting to select their very own pumpkin from the huge field to enjoy this fall season. The corn maze and nature hike was very fun and exciting to see all the colors in the trees. And to top off the event, a hay ride around the pumpkin patch was a fun way to wrap up the evening. Cub Scout Pack 318 is chartered with the First United Methodist Church located at 212 E. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.



Scout Open House Radio Tour...

Article and Picture by: Katie Klimaszewski

WFMS 95.5 and BSA joined up to help out the local scouts learn more about scouting and how fun it would be to work at a radio station, with scheduled Radio Station Tours. On Oct. 4th Whitestown, IN Pack 431 Tiger Den had to go check it out! The boys were able to check off a requirement by attending this event in Indianapolis, IN as well as try their hands at BB Guns, Games, and other activities. By the BSA and WFMS 95.5 working together it made it easy for our Den Leaders to make sure the boys were able to attend by giving advance notice to all parents of this free event so that the Den could carpool and move forward on their Tiger. If you're Den or Pack has an opportunity to attend these free events that BSA and surrounding companies hold, please try not to pass them up. All the Scouts in the Tiger Den will tell you they had fun on this go see it!



Popcorn 2014

The popcorn sale is almost over! Hopefully your sale has gone well. Make sure you have these final dates on your calendar:

November 20 - Final Popcorn Distribution
December 5 - Final Payment DUE to Council

Thanks for a great sale! If you have any further questions, contact John Fitzpatrick at sc_popcorn@outlook.com

2015 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Every year, we ask the units to allow a district representative to come speak to the families in the unit about Friends of Scouting. It is that time of year again to start collecting dates for presentations. Please take a look at your calendars. Does your unit have a Blue & Gold Banquet or a Court of Honor scheduled? Do you have a different event planned where you anticipate having your scout families in attendance? Let us know so we can arrange for a presenter to attend. The Friends of Scouting campaign is vital to allowing us to continue offering camp scholarships, registration assistance, uniform assistance, and to help maintain our 7 camp properties. Every little bit helps. If your unit is listed below, we have not heard from you on a FOS date. Please contact Tom as soon as possible to schedule a date, time and location (tjames@crossroadsbsa.org). We are striving for 100% Unit participation.

Packs 309, 318, 336, 337, 365, 370, 550, 765, 796, 838, 909
Troops 311, 318, 323, 326, 336, 337, 350, 359, 370, 431, 753, 765, 838

New Explorer Post

We are excited to announce that we are forming a Fire Explorer Post in Frankfort! This is the first Exploring Post that we have had in Sugar Creek District, and we hope that we will be able to offer many more in the years to come. Exploring is a

career education program for young men and women ages 14-20. Through hands-on experience, it helps them make more informed decisions about future careers.

A big thank you to Chief John Kirby and the Frankfort Fire Department for partnering with us to offer this unique opportunity. If any Troops in Clinton County have boys who are interested in the program, and meet the age requirements, please have them contact Tom for more information!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming District Events

Klondike Derby - January 16-18 @ Camp Cullom
District Pinewood Derby - March 14 @ Thorntown Elementary School
Spring Camporee - May 1-3 @ Camp Rotary

As we get dates for more events or activities, we will let you know right away. Thanks!

Fall Camporee

"Hoosiers in History" was the theme for this year's Fall Camporee, held at Camp Cullom on November 7-9, 2014. 150 scouts and leaders came out for a weekend of fun competition and great fellowship! Boys got to participate in many activities honoring past Hoosiers, including the popcorn challenge, newspaper tower building, measuring by eye, tomahawk throw, wilderness survival shelter building, geocaching, skits and songs, etc. We also had a bottle rocket design and launch competition, which was a big hit for everyone in camp!

Also, at this year's Camporee, was the first time that we offered a 5K Run as part of the Scout Strong initiative. Held in conjunction with the Council's Wilderness 5K, we had 14 participants in the 5K. Congratulations to all for participating, and finishing, the run. Look for more Scout Strong activities in the future.

Getting to Know Your Community!

Article and Picture by: Katie Klimaszewski

In September, Whitestown Pack 431 visited the Whitestown Fire Department. Pack 431 goal for the Pack for this “go see it” is to have an understanding that the local fireman are here to help, service and to be a friend to everyone in the community. We wanted to make sure the Scouts knew that if the fireman had to come to their house for an emergence that they were there to help and not to be afraid. We as Leaders understood that it is a requirement for the Tigers to visit a Fire Station however, we turned it into a “go see it” for the whole Pack. All Scouts should always have a understanding of the importance our local services man and women take in order to make our community a safer place to live in. During the tour the Pack did the following: tour the fire station, safety talk with demotion’s, met the fire chief, learn about the fire trucks, watch a fireman climb the latter, as well as each Scout and tag along got to try out and run the fire hoses. It was wonderful that even tag along walked away with the understanding of know the firemen are here to help. Since our Pack families are young and most of our Scouts have brothers and sisters we try to make sure all of our “go see its” are fun for all ages. Parents are more willing to attend a “go see it” when everyone in the family can attend. A way to say thank you for letting us visit the fire station the Pack created a handmade Thank you that all the scout’s signs. This event turned out very well and our Pack leaders have found that our local leaders in our community are always willing to help out the Scouts. If your Pack is thinking about a fire station tour go for it and give the fire station notice in advance so they have time to prepare. Since we had talked with them almost 1 ½ months before going they were able to work things out where the boys could learn everything they did that day.



Commissioner’s Corner

By: William Turner

Thank you to all the units that submitted their charter renewal packets last month! We tried something new to try to make the process easier for everyone, and most of the commissioners in the district gave their time to man the three collection points. It appears to have been a success. We already have most of the charter packets in hand, and each unit was in and out fairly quickly without the lines we had last year. We still have several charter packets to collect, and many youth protection trainings and other pieces to make the packets we have complete, but it is a great start. Thank you!

This past weekend the fall camporee was a huge success. Thanks, David! I was able to chat with all of the troops and most of the packs in camp. I heard many good comments about the camporee and some suggestions for improving the camporee, roundtables, and the district in general.

We will have some visitors from the United Way this month at roundtable to talk about Youth as Resources grants. This applies most directly to units in Boone County, so it is important that all Boone County units send representatives to the round table.

Finally, congratulations to my predecessor, John Fitzpatrick, on being selected to receive the Silver Beaver award!

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



Steps to the Moon: Selections from the Neil A. Armstrong Papers and the Eugene A. Cernan Papers

Submitted by: David Hovde

The new Purdue University Archives and Special Collections exhibit, “Steps to the Moon: Selections from the Neil A. Armstrong Papers and the Eugene A. Cernan Papers” examines aspects of the individual paths Neil Armstrong took to become the first human to step on the Moon and Eugene Cernan took to become the most recent human to walk on the Moon. Part of the exhibit concerns Neil Armstrong’s days as a Boy Scout.

The exhibit draws from a combined 200 linear feet of Armstrong and Cernan papers held by the Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives. Limiting the exhibit scope to the specific theme of steps to the Moon provides visitors with the opportunity to examine aspects of Armstrong’s and Cernan’s early education, involvement in extracurricular activities, their Purdue years, Navy experiences, and in Neil Armstrong’s case, his seven years of experimental aircraft test pilot work. Additionally, because Armstrong and Cernan were assigned to missions which were themselves critical stepping stones to the U. S. Space Program’s plan to land a human on the moon, the exhibit allows viewers to learn about the objectives and accomplishments of Gemini 8, Gemini 9, Apollo 10, Apollo 11 and Apollo 17 through the personal experiences and contributions of these two astronauts.



The exhibit will be on display until February 27, 2015. Currently, the exhibit is open from 10:00-4:30 Monday through Friday in the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center on the 4th floor of the HSSE Library. Special Saturday exhibit open houses are December 6, 1 – 4 pm and January 17, 1-4pm. For more information please contact Tracy Grimm, Flight Archivist at grimm3@purdue.edu or by phone, (765) 496-2941. The open houses will include activities for grade school children.

For reading this entire article be one of the first three people to reply to Tom James putting “Neil Armstrong” in the subject and you will receive a free gift at roundtable! E-mail Tom at tjames@crossroadsbsa.org



Lars Hovde, the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 336, and his father David Hovde look at some of Neil Armstrong’s Boy Scout material.