



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” December 2014

Happy Holidays
From Sugar Creek District!



Crossroads of America Council



Steve Taylor saves Christmas...for Pack 350

By: Mike Thompson

Cub Scout Pack 350 has the tradition of a Christmas party every year. The night is filled with den awards, games, prizes and a little more than just scouting. With over 70 scouts, siblings and parents in



Pictured is Steve Taylor, Blitzen, Dasher and you know the other guy.

attendance they were looking forward to seeing Santa’s reindeer again this year. When the party day arrived a problem developed. It was announced that the reindeer would not be able to land where they usually did. Everyone was saddened thinking that the reindeer were not welcome. When Steve Taylor heard about the

dilemma he announced to all that the reindeer could land in his yard. The Pack made the short walk to Steve’s home and enjoyed a visit with the reindeer. Many of the kids dropped off letters to Santa. Thanks Steve!



Pictured above are some of the kids that came to visit carrying letters to Santa.

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



University of Scouting 2015

University of Scouting serves as training grounds for newly appointed members of district committees as well as pre-existing unit leaders and commissioners! Mark your calendars for this year's event, which will be held on January 17th at Warren Central High School. New this year will be the full inclusion of the Cub Scout programming in the University schedule, which replaces the Pow Wow training. For more information, visit <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Training/UniversityofScouting.aspx>

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 9-11 @ 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!

Klondike Derby 2015

The 2015 Klondike Derby "Nuts & Bolts" Camporee is now scheduled for January 9-10-11 at Camp Cullom in Clinton County. Hopefully this year we will be Polar-Vortex and Cancellation-Free. Come and join or activities this year of Fire Starting, Firewood Relay, Skillet Toss, Wise Choices, The Misplaced Patrol Leader, The Gold Rush, and the Klondike Derby Sled Race. We'll see you at the Lodge !

Ten Commandment Hike

Article: Katie Klimaszewski

Picture by: Joey Sheets

On Oct. 11, 2014 the CAC Chaplains Corps' put together a 5 mile Ten Commandments Hike through downtown Indy, where your Scouts would get to tour 10 sites; hear a short presentation on each of the Ten Commandments that was presented by the local faith leaders in the community. Some of the locations where Bethel AME Church, Madame Walker Theater, Greater Gethsemane Baptist Church, Joy of All Who Sorrow, McGowan Hall, Tyndall Armory, Indiana war Memorial, Salvation Army Central City Corps, and Zion Evangelical. Whitestown, IN Cub Scout Pack 431 had 8 Scouts as well as Leaders and Parents attend the hike. For those Scouts whom attended the hike all earned requirements towards their Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos I & II as well as worked on Leave No Trace, Duty to God, and much more. Pack 431 recommends the Ten Commandment Hike for everyone to try to attend in the future and would like to give a big thank you to the CAC Chaplain's Corps' for having this event.

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

Christmas and the New Year are almost upon us, and that means we are nearing the end of all the units' charters. Only a few units have not yet submitted their recharter paperwork electronically, at least, but many still have defects that need to be resolved. Please get those in ASAP!

Please join us at the December roundtable for some fellowship and a presentation on the Webelos-to-Scout transition. Bring a dessert to share, and also help celebrate a Wood Badge beading.

The commissioners are busy working on county roundtables to be held in Boone, Clinton, and Montgomery counties in February. Please invite all your unit leaders to join us at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon, the Camp Cullom Nature Center, or the Crawfordsville Masonic Lodge on Thu 12 Feb!

Finally, now is the time to write nominations for the district awards. We have many deserving leaders in the district, but unfortunately often the awards committee receives only a single nomination for an award. Please nominate everyone you think might deserve it. Don't leave it to someone else because then it might not get done. I would love to see nominations coming from every unit in the district! All nominations are due to Dan Green by the end of the January roundtable.

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





STATION RESULTS FALL CAMPOREE

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TROOPS / PACKS

Station #1 -- Bottle Rockets

- 1st - T-336 Diamondbacks
2nd - T-326 Moles
3rd - T-323 Polar Penguins

- 1st - P-365 Road Kill
2nd - P-311 Whitetails
3rd - P-359 Holy Cows

Station #2 -- Newspaper Tower

- 1st - T-338 (OC) Bald Eagles
2nd - T-323 Polar Penguins
3rd - T-337 Last Minute

- 1st - P-365 Road Kill
2nd - P-311 Whitetails
3rd - P-359 Holy Cows

Station #3 -- Measure By Eye

- 1st - T-359 The What
2nd - T-311 Predators
3rd - T-318 The A-Team

- 1st - P-359 Holy Cows
2nd - P-365 Road Kill
3rd - P-311 Whitetails

Station #4 -- Tomahawk Throw

- 1st - T-336 Diamondbacks
2nd - T-338 (OC) Ace Falcons
3rd - T-338 (OC) Bald Eagles

(No Packs competed at Station 4)

Station #5 -- Shelter Building

- 1st - T-323 Polar Penguins
2nd - T-350 Mighty Narwhals
3rd - T-359 The What

- 1st - P-370 Irish Ninjas
2nd - P-311 Whitetails
3rd - P-359 Holy Cows

Station #6 -- Geocaching

- 1st - T-326 Moles
2nd - T-359 The What
3rd - T-350 Mighty Narwhals

- 1st - P-359 Holy Cows
2nd - P-370 Irish Ninjas
3rd - P-336 No Names

Station #7 -- Boundary Waters

- 1st - T-338 (OC) Bald Eagles
2nd - T-311 Predators
3rd - T-350 Mighty Narwhals

- 1st - P-365 Road Kill
2nd - P-359 Holy Cows
3rd - P-311 Whitetails

Station #8 -- Popcorn Challenge

- 1st - T-359 The What
2nd - T-337 Last Minute
3rd - T-338 (OC) Ace Falcons

- 1st - P-311 Whitetails
2nd - P-365 Road Kill
3rd - P-359 Holy Cows

Station #9 -- Skit & Song

- 1st - T-359 The What
2nd - T-338 (OC) Bald Eagles
3rd - T-350 Mighty Narwhals

- 1st - P-359 Holy Cows
2nd - P-336 No Names
3rd - P-365 Road Kill

OVERALL STANDINGS

TROOPS

- 1 - T-359
2 - T-350
3 - T-326
4 - T-336
5 - T-323
6 - T-338
7 - T-311
8 - T-318
9 - T-337

PACKS

- 1 - P-365
2 - P-311
3 - P-359
4 - P-370
5 - P-316
6 - P-336

ATTENDANCE -- 102 Scout -- 48 Adult