



Sugar Creek District "Creekside" January 2015



Crossroads of America Council

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 our activities this year. We'll see you at the Lodge !

1 - Fire Station

Light and burn fire for 1/2 hour

2 - Skillet Toss

Patrol will be averaged for distance

3 - Firewood Relay

Must move 3 pieces of wood thru course

4 - Wise Choices

Pick from quick peek things Needed / Useful / Not Needed

5 - Misplaced Patrol Leader

Search for PL or Adult Leader

6 - Campsite Inspection

Bonus for Units camping overnight

7 - Gold Rush

Annual Gold Rush

8 - Klondike Sledge Race



Troop 350



County Roundtables in February

By: William Turner

On February 12, 2015, the commissioners will be bringing the monthly roundtable closer to the units in each county. Please encourage all scouters to attend this great opportunity to network with other leaders in your county! The commissioners in each county will plan a program tailored to each county. It would be great if we had several leaders from each unit in attendance.

- Boone County: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 East South Street, Lebanon
- Clinton County: Camp Cullom Nature Center, 6815 W County Road 200 North, Frankfort
- Montgomery County: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1086 N 125 W (oak Hill RD & Hwy 125), Crawfordsville. (*Note: the church asks that we do not bring any beverages into the building.*)

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 309,336, 337, 370, 550, 765, 796, 838, 909
Troops 311, 323, 326, 336, 337, 359, 370, 431,765,
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

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!

Frankfort Winter Parade

Article by: John Roberts

Troop 316 participated in the winter parade on December 6th. The parents of the boys got together the night before and created and decorated a trailer to be our float in the parade.



This year the theme was a Candy Christmas so we decided to go with the idea of the board game of Candy Land. We were lucky enough to be near the front of the parade so we got to see many people before anyone else. We got great exposure for the troop and handed out hundreds of candy canes to the parade watchers.



Commissioner's Corner

By: William Turner

Thank you to all units for submitting your recharter paperwork! The last I heard, most units were ready to process, but a few were still missing some things. The national office has said that next year we will not have any grace period, and any units that are not completely ready to process by the end of the year will have their charters end. That means they may need to submit new applications for all members, among other things.

We will have our January roundtable at the normal time and place. However, we have several scouters from our district who are planning their Wood Badge beading ceremony that evening. Please come and help us congratulate them on their work that has added to their units and our district!

On February 12th, we will have county roundtables in Boone, Clinton, and Montgomery counties. Please encourage all scouters in the district to attend! The commissioners in each county are planning the programs tailored for each county.

Now is also the time to start looking at the 2015 Journey to Excellence requirements. The JTE scorecards work best as a planning tool to help your unit plan its program for the year. You can find all the scorecards online at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>.

Finally, remember to submit 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. Do not 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

Get your scouts outdoors!

Scout Sundays at the Park

Looking to get your den or pack out in nature? Look no further. The 2015 Scout Sunday programs at McCloud and Sodalis Nature Parks are chock-full of adventure and hands-on activities aimed to fulfill badge and elective requirements for your Cub and Girl Scouts. Each scout will also receive a special McCloud Patch at the end of the program!

Advance registration is required. Scouts must check-in between 12:30-12:45 pm for a prompt 1:00 pm start.



Knots & Hiking

2/8 at McCloud Nature Park

Conservation

3/15 at McCloud Nature Park

Fun & Games

4/12 at McCloud Nature Park

Trees & Wildflowers

5/3 at McCloud Nature Park

Letterboxes & Geocaches

7/12 at McCloud Nature Park

Insects & Birds

8/16 at McCloud Nature Park

Mammals & Reptiles & Amphibians

10/11 at McCloud Nature Park

Nature Art

11/22 at McCloud Nature Park

Earth Processes

12/20 at McCloud Nature Park

Scout Fee: \$10

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