



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” August 2015



Crossroads of America Council

Successful BSA/Habitat for Humanity “Veteran Wall Build”

By: Mike Thompson

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts joined forces with Habitat for Humanity for a “veteran wall build” on June 27th. The event was attended by over 130 volunteers from many organizations which included 28 scouts and adult leaders from Sugar Creek District. Volunteers received a shirt as well as lunch cooked by BSA Troop 350. “This was one of our best wall builds ever,” said Steve Furste (Executive Director of Boone County Habitat for Humanity) “We had so many volunteers show up, and also as many veterans who wanted to help.”

In less than 40 minutes all of the homes walls were built then transported three block to the construction site. All walls were erected by three pm that same day.



Reece Thompson announces color guard and pledge of allegiance



Daryl and Drake Baker from Troop 350



Dan Green and Scouts

District Website – Check out our new District website! Please save this link as a Favorite so you know where to go in the future.

<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/BSA160page147.php>

2015 Popcorn Sale – It's time to sign up to participate in the 2015 Popcorn Sale. District Kernel John Fitzpatrick and I want to make sure that every unit is prepared for this year's sale. The first step is signing up to sell. The commitment card is attached. We will also have these at the kickoff. Please make sure your unit is signed up to participate! If you have any other questions, contact John at sc_popcorn@outlook.com.

Indiana State Fair

The State Fair is underway, and we are hurting for volunteers!! The link to sign up is below. Please can. <https://scoutingevent.com/?2015StateFair>

Recruitment Night August 27th

All of schools will be providing a sign-up night, with the exception of Hose, Hoover, and Nicholson schools in Crawfordsville. For those schools, we are doing the sign up night at the Carnegie Museum in Crawfordsville.

Here is the complete list of schools:

Hendricks County

- Pittsboro Primary
- Pittsboro Elementary

Boone County

- North Salem Elementary
- Granville Wells Elementary
- Harney Elementary
- Stokes Elementary
- Perry Worth Elementary
- Thorntown Elementary
- Central Elementary

Clinton County

- Clinton Central Elementary
- Suncrest Elementary
- Clinton Prairie Elementary
- Rossville Elementary
- Blue Ridge Elementary
- Green Meadows Intermediate

Montgomery County

- Pleasant Hill Elementary
- Sugar Creek Elementary
- Sommer Elementary
- Ladoga Elementary
- Walnut Elementary
- New Market Elementary

Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

Welcome back to another year of scouting! I hope everyone's summer was exciting and productive, although I have to admit mine was once again too short. The commissioner corps did spend some time planning for the coming year. In particular, we are planning to again occasionally have county roundtables in Boone, Clinton, and Montgomery counties. This year we will have county roundtables in October, December, February, and April.

With the fall comes cub scout recruiting and popcorn sales, both of which are a little different this. Plans for recruiting are well underway, and all packs should already know all the details. (If you don't, please see Tom James ASAP.) We will have training for popcorn sales at our August roundtable, so all units should attend.

Rechartering season is also coming soon. The plan is essentially the same as last year. All units should receive an email from the council, and we will have a short session about it at the September roundtable. We are again using the online rechartering system, and we will again have sessions for units to submit their recharter paperwork in each of the main counties 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. It is never too early to review your unit's JTE progress and to start planning for 2016. 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 2016 scorecards should be available in the next month or so 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 another exciting year in Sugar Creek district!

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

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BSA Troop 350 Build Habitat Picnic Table Using Solid Waste Management Grant

By: Reece Thompson

In the fall of 2014 Boy Scout Troop 350 from Advance, IN received a Boone County Solid Waste Management grant for \$800 toward the purchase of a picnic table made from recycled plastic. On June 6th the scouts built the table for Mr. & Mrs. Hiatt, a family selected by Boone County Habitat for Humanity to receive a home.



Mr. Hiatt, an Iraq war veteran and his family were presented the table at the June 27th veteran “wall build.” At this event scouts and leaders from Sugar Creek district helped to assemble the homes walls and also prepared lunch for the volunteers. The picnic table was taken to the Hiatt home for use by the volunteers and will remain for the family when the home is complete.



Mr. Hiatt stated “The scouts did a great job building this table and we greatly appreciate it”. The table materials were purchased from a Solid Waste Management grant that provides funding for permanent recycle bins, proper disposal containers, and environmental education/outreach activities and encourages the use of recycled park playground equipment.



Pictured above are Scouts and Leaders from Boy Scout Troop 350 with the Hiatt family.

Information about Boone County Solid Waste Management can be found at

<http://www.boonecounty.in.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=157>

If you are interested in joining Boy Scouts in central Indiana select this link <https://beascout.scouting.org/>

If you want more information about volunteering for Boone County Habitat for Humanity go to their web site <http://www.habitatboonecounty.org/>



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

Trees & Wildflowers

5/3 at McCloud Nature Park

Mammals & Reptiles & Amphibians

10/11 at McCloud Nature Park

Conservation

3/15 at McCloud Nature Park

Letterboxes & Geocaches

7/12 at McCloud Nature Park

Nature Art

11/22 at McCloud Nature Park

Fun & Games

4/12 at McCloud Nature Park

Insects & Birds

8/16 at McCloud Nature Park

Earth Processes

12/20 at McCloud Nature Park

Scout Fee: \$10



Overnight Camps

Pitch your tent and spend the night at McCloud Nature Park! S'mores, stars, and games abound!

Girl Scout Overnight Camp 6/13-6/14

Cub & Boy Scout Overnight Camp 9/26-9/27

Scout Fee: \$20

Adult Fee: \$7

Merit Badge Backpacks

Working on a Merit Badge? Our backpacks are stuffed full of everything you need to complete all single-day requirements for six different merit badges. Rent a Merit Badge Backpack from McCloud Nature Center and work at your own pace on any of the following badges:

- Bird Study
- Mammal Study
- Reptile & Amphibian Study
- Forestry
- Geology
- Nature

Backpacks may be rented out only during McCloud Nature Center's operating hours.

NOV-MAR APR-OCT
 Fri-Sat 10-5 Tues-Sat 10-5

Scout Fee: \$10



For more information and registration, visit us online at

www.HendricksCountyParks.org