



Sugar Creek District “Creekside” September 2015



Crossroads of America Council

Scouts help at Car Show Cancer research fund raiser.

By: Richard Vogler

Great Job Troop 318 helping with the local Crawfordsville Indiana, ELK's car show, Saturday, August 1, 2015. The troop had 14-scouts (Pack & Troop) along with 8-adults and family helping with over 55 hours of total service time. Some pictures are attached for the setup crew in the morning and the flag honor guard in the afternoon. The event raises money for cancer research. The Troop helped raise the marquee tents, popup tents, tables & chairs along with numerous other tasks to prepare for such an event. The best part of the day was the flag ceremony held at the end retiring the different flags of the United States recognized over the history of our country.



Troop 350 participates in two events in one weekend.

By: Mike Thompson

Scout Troop 350 in Advance participate in both the North Salem “Old Fashion Days” and the Advance “Labor Day Parade” this past weekend. The troop not only marched but ran goldfish games, ring toss and participated in the North Salem bed races.



Troop 350

Fishing Derby/Rocket Launch is this Weekend!

Mark your calendar for September 12th

[Click here for details on fishing derby.](#)

[Click here for Rocket Launch](#)



County Roundtables in October

By: William Turner

On October 8, 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: Masonic Lodge, 221 S Washington St, Crawfordsville

2015 Popcorn Sale

"The 2015 Popcorn Sale is underway! We are currently in the middle of the 2 week Take Order Blitz. Make sure you are getting out and knocking on doors. Be on the lookout for the Mystery Houses, which you can find information about at <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/BSA160page387.php>. We also will be scheduling times for popcorn pickup next week. Please contact District Kernel John Fitzpatrick with any questions about the Popcorn Sale."



Sugar Creek Facebook Page – If you haven't seen it yet, you don't know what you're missing! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SugarCreekDistrict> and like our page to stay engaged with what is happening in Sugar Creek. We are constantly sharing stories and photos from events and getting the message out about all the great things we do!

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/147>

Fall Camporee

"This year's Fall Camporee is scheduled for October 9-11, at Camp Kikthawenund. The theme is "Buckskinners". Scouts will get to test their skills at animal identification, pioneering, tomahawk throwing, fire building, shelter building, fur stretching, etc. We will also have an opportunity to learn about and shoot muzzleloaders. This camporee is shaping up to be pretty awesome! We hope to see you there!"

District Email List

The District is currently compiling a District wide email distribution list in order to better distribute information to our families. All unit leaders and committee chairs will automatically be added to the list. We are asking that if any other leaders or families want to receive this correspondence from the District, to please let Tom know so he can add them to the distribution list.

Fall Recruitment Rally –

Change to Fall Recruitment Follow-Up

"Thanks to all for a very successful Recruitment event on August 27th! I'm also incredibly proud of the follow-up efforts that I have seen so far. We still have a lot that we can do to make sure that all 245 boys who attended the sign up nights in August get registered for Scouting. Make sure your Pack is emailing and calling those families to keep them in the loop, and hopefully encourage them to join. Make them a priority. Keep working them until you get a definite yes or no. Another thing you can do is look at your dens, and figure out if any of them have smaller numbers than the others. Let's try to recruit one grade level at a time. Do what you can to try to fill up the dens. Every little bit helps. **If you have any applications to turn in, or payment for applications you turned in on August 27th, please bring to the Roundtable and turn in to Tom.**"

Merit Badge Class

Troop 359 will be hosting a merit badge for fingerprinting and crime Prevention on October 17th at 9:00 am At the Boone County Fairgrounds Class will be taught by Shane Shepherd. Any Scouts interested in attending can contact Bob Vernon Phone number 765-409-3288.



Rechartering

By: William Turner

The online recharter system will go live next month, but units should start preparing their rosters now. Ensure all youth protections trainings are up to date. Unit leaders and committee chairs should watch for an email later this month from the council with the unit's access codes. Designate one person to handle the paperwork, and that person should access the online system as soon as possible after it goes live to ensure they know how to interact with it. 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 September and October roundtables to sign up for a time slot!

Sugar Creek District Turn-In Opportunities

- Thursday, October 8, at 7pm, at county roundtables
 - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 East South Street, Lebanon
 - Camp Cullom Nature Center, 6815 W County Road 200 North, Frankfort
 - Masonic Lodge, 221 S Washington St, Crawfordsville
- Wednesday, October 28
 - American Legion Post #72
101 Walter Remley Drive, Crawfordsville
(Come in the south door; not the bar)
7:00-8:30pm
 - Boone County REMC Community Room
1207 Indianapolis Rd., Lebanon
6:30-8:00pm
 - Frankfort Fire Station Training Building
256 South Clay Street, Frankfort
6:30-8:00pm

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 28, 2015, due date**.

Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

I hope everyone's scouting year is off to a good start. We had a successful recruiting night in August, and applications are still coming in. The popcorn sale take order blitz is underway, and we have more units participating in popcorn sales than last year.

Rechartering season is 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 are already available 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



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



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