



# Sugar Creek District “Creekside” October 2015



## Crossroads of America Council

### “Turning of the Leaves Festival”

By: Chuck Smith

Members of Troop 753 serve as the color guard for the annual "Turning of the Leaves Festival" parade in Thorntown, September 26, 2015. Representing the Troop are (L to R) Braden Smith, Matt Crist, Ricky Bardales, and Christian Worrell. The Troop also had their own BBQ sandwich booth in the Festival Food Court, and helped the Thorntown Lions Club serve their BBQ chicken and pork chops as well.



### Troop 753 presents “13 Folds of the U.S. Flag”

By: Chuck Smith

Troop 753 Scouts Braden Smith, Matt Crist, and Ricky Bardales present the "American's Creed" and a "13 Folds of the U.S. Flag" ceremony at the Thorntown Community 9-11 Memorial Service. The service was held on Sunday, September 13, at the Thorntown United Methodist Church. Other Scouts from the Troop also lit candles for the service and presented flowers to families of women from the American Legion Auxiliary who had passed away during the past year.



**In January of 2016 the  
newsletter will only be found on  
the district webpage:**

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



**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/BSA160page147.php>

**Fall Camporee**

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!"

[Click here for the detailed list of events!](#)



**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 is now live! All unit leaders and committee chairs should have received an email in the last week of September with their unit's access code. The District Commissioner, William Turner ([wjturner@nesa.org](mailto:wjturner@nesa.org)), also has the access codes for all the units if someone still needs it.

Every unit should access the online system as soon as possible to ensure they know how to interact with the system. The unit should designate one person to do this and serve as the charter renewal processor for the unit. Please forward that person's name, email address, and phone number(s) to our Senior District Executive, Tom James ([tjames@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto: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 October roundtable to sign up for a time slot!

### Sugar Creek District Turn-In Opportunities

- 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

Autumn is here, and with it popcorn sales and rechartering season. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information. Also remember to submit your unit's Journey to Excellence (JTE) forms with your charter renewal packet, even if the unit does not qualify for an award. These forms can help you see how you might work to improve your unit next year. 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 scoresheets are already available on the national website.

October also brings the return of county roundtables. The article in this newsletter gives details. Please note the new location of the Montgomery County roundtable.

We also have a lot of other things happening in the district. Last month saw the Fishing Derby, which was a success once again. The Fall Camporee will be the middle of October at Camp Kikthawenund, and John Stillwell and his staff are planning an action-packed program. The new year will see the Klondike Derby in February, the district dinner and Pinewood Derby in March, and the Cub Olympics and Spring Camporee in April.

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.

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

Fri-Sat 10-5

APR-OCT

Tues-Sat 10-5

Scout Fee: \$10



For more information and registration, visit us online at

[www.HendricksCountyParks.org](http://www.HendricksCountyParks.org)