



# Sugar Creek District “Creekside” April 2016



## Crossroads of America Council

### Welcome New Sugar Creek DE

By: Jessica Hofman

Hi all, my name is Jessica Hofman and I am the new Sugar Creek District Executive. I did not come from a scouting background, but am extremely excited to enter the scouting world to work with the Sugar Creek District. My background includes working with after school programs and summer camp programs, being a nanny, working with disabled youth, teaching parenting and child development, and working in foster care. I am currently working on getting my MBA and am looking forward to allowing myself to take a step into the background and focus on supporting those that work directly with the youth.

A little about myself, I was born and raised here in central Indiana and am proudly a boilermaker. While at Purdue, I studied Sociology and minored in Human Development and Family Sciences. I played soccer from the time I was five straight through college through intramural leagues. I still keep my referee license up to date in case that ever becomes handy again. I would say my biggest hobby is music. I played the clarinet and saxophone in high school and attend a handful of concerts every year. I would say my favorite concert I've been to has been Jimmy Buffett. I would love to learn how to play the guitar one day.



Again I'm looking forward to meeting all of you, and working with the Sugar Creek district. Please feel free to reach out to me with anything that you need. I know that I am still just learning, so don't be afraid to let me know when help is needed.

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### Spring Camporee 2016 Old Glory Days! April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Rotary

Stations will require patrols to work as a team and have a patrol leader! Each Patrol needs a yell or song, a supply of water, be prepared to give the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor code if asked. Bring class A and class B shirts. All webelos are welcome either as a den or with an adult leader. The Order of the Arrow will be serving Voyageur Stew for the evening meal with cost being \$5.00 a bowl.

#### Stations will be as follows:

Flag Knowledge (Show and Do), Whack a mole (team skill), Archery, Air Rifle, Tomahawk Throw (Boy Scouts only), Spear Throw, Rock Climb, First Aid, Black Smith and Build it.

#### Patrols need to have knowledge of:

The American Flag (See tenderfoot requirements), Knots and Lashings (Square Knot, Bowland, 2 Half Hitches). Pack a lunch that is easily prepared or use a backpack meal.

#### Bonus points for:

Camp site inspection will cover safe, clean well organized area. Wood cutting stations must be roped off.

**Units will need to bring separate checks to the camporee for registration and OA dinner.** To avoid some issues that have arisen recently, we are keeping the records for the dinner separate from the registration process. The OA chapter may have a representative at an adjacent table to sell tickets to the dinner, but they will not share a money box with registration. The only real effect units should see is that they will need to bring a separate check for the dinner.

### **Commissioner's Corner**

By: William Turner

Sugar Creek District has a new District Executive! Please help me welcome Jessica Hofman to our Key 3. Unfortunately, she will not be able to attend the April Roundtable, but I hope everyone is able to meet her soon. She is new to scouting, but she has some related work experience, including working at camps. Please be patient and remember she is just starting her scouting career. I think she will be a quick study, but she still needs some time to get her feet under her.

Thank you to everyone who came to the district Pinewood Derby! Congratulations to all of the award recipients! Thank you also to Beth Downey and Troop 323 for again organizing and running the derby!

Our spring camporee is coming soon on the weekend of 29 Apr-1 May. May also brings the Ideal Year of Scouting to a half dozen locations around the council. Because the Ideal Year of Scouting will replace our normal May roundtable, we will have district-wide roundtables in April.

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!

We are also always looking for new commissioners. If you are interested in talking about it, or if you have someone else you would like to recommend, please let me know.

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



### **County Roundtables in April**

By: William Turner

We will have a district-wide roundtable at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon in April. This is a change from our original plan to have county roundtables in April. However, our May roundtable will be held at the Ideal Year of Scouting events at the Golden Burke Scout Center in Indianapolis on Thursday, May 12. Plan to attend!

### **County Roundtables in May**

By: William Turner

All units should attend these trainings. Sugar Creek district will meet at the one at Golden Burke Scout Center on May 12 in lieu of our normal roundtable. However, if you cannot make it that night, please attend one of the IYOS events on May 19 at Camp Kikthawenund or the Indianapolis West campus of Ivy Tech. See <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/IYOS> for more information.

### **Ideal Year of Scouting**

The council is hosting several Ideal Year of Scouting presentations and trainings 7-9pm on May 12 and 19. All units should attend these trainings. Sugar Creek district will meet at the one at Golden Burke Scout Center on May 12 in lieu of our normal roundtable. However, if you cannot make it that night, please attend one of the IYOS events on May 19 at Camp Kikthawenund or the Indianapolis West campus of Ivy Tech. See <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/IYOS> for more information.

**2016 Camp Card Timeline**

<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/campcards>

**Sale Timeline: March 1 - April 29, 2016**

Units may choose how many weeks to sell and when to sell during this time frame.

We are offering more flexibility in 2016 to accommodate spring break schedules, the Girl Scout cookie sale, and the early-bird summer camp fee deadlines.

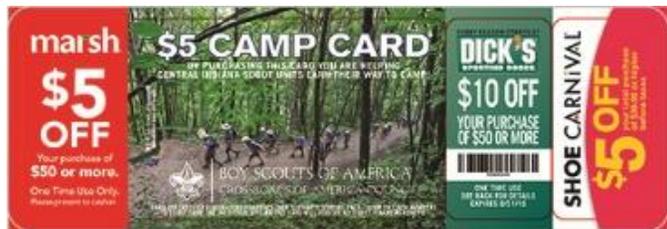
**Deadline to pay and return unsold cards - May 13, 2016**

\*Cards may be returned in any increments and must be in excellent condition.

\*Payment due to the council is \$2.50 per sold card. (Unit keeps the other \$2.50 from customer purchases.)

\*Failure to pay by this deadline costs your unit an additional 25% commission on each card (i.e. instead of paying \$2.50/card, you would pay \$3.75/card).

\*Camp Cards will not be accepted for "returns" after May 13th and become the financial responsibility of the unit.



**Troop 318 - Visits Historic Marengo Cave**

By: Richard Vogler

Boy Scouts from Troop 318 went camping and caving at Southern Indiana most majestic caves, Marengo on Saturday & Sunday, March 12-13, 2016. It was a beautiful day with a little rain but the Scouts and leaders had a great time exploring and crawling around. The Troop invited Pack 318 Webelos to attend this fun outing.

Boy Scouts of America offers a challenging and fun program for boys who are older than 10, or who have completed the fifth grade. Boy Scouts and Venturers learn leadership tools and skills and apply them within the Scouting context, so that they can in turn carry those forward into their troop/crew and other aspects of life such as school, family, church, and future profession. To learn more about Boy Scouts you can contact Richard Vogler by calling or text at [765-918-1204](tel:765-918-1204).

**Scouts from Pack and Troop 318**



Please get your scouting for food totals to Bob Vernon