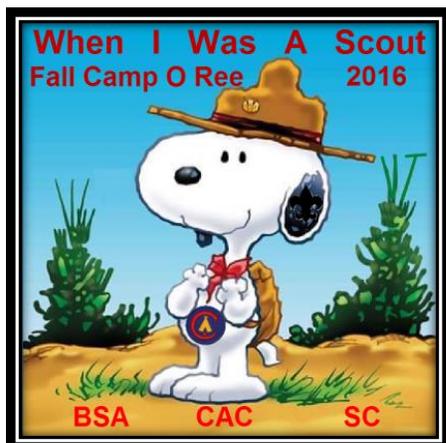




# Sugar Creek District "Creekside" September 2016



## Crossroads of America Council



### Scout pays tribute to his experience

By: Bill Moore

Lebanon High School seniors get the privilege of painting their assigned parking space for the year. Korey Mantooth from Troop 431 paid tribute to his scouting background by painting the scout fleur-de-lis."Since I was seven scouting has had a major impact in my life and has shaped me into the person I am today." Korey has worked at camp Krietenstein for 4 years and attended the camp for 9 years earning his minisino last year. "I chose to paint my parking space the Boy Scout emblem to honor all that it has done for me over the years."

### Fall Camporee October 14-16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Belzer

Start your preparation for another exciting fall camporee! Eight Stations will test your scouting skills in areas such as Transportation by Stretcher, Sending messages using Semaphore Flags, Visual Memory, Archery, Trike Racing, Minimalist Cooking and Fishing. See the last page of the newsletter for dates, times, agenda and station descriptions.



- > Fishing Derby – September 10
- > Feast of the Hunters Moon – October 1
- > Fall Camporee – October 14-16
- > Cub Olympics & Rocket Launch – November 12
- > Klondike Derby – January 20-22
- > District Dinner – February 18
- > Spring Camporee – April 21-23



**Commissioner's Corner**

By: William Turner

I hope everyone's scouting year is off to a good start. The recruiting nights in August were a huge success, and applications are still coming in. Soon, the popcorn sale will start, and the council's fall family cub scout events will start.

Rechartering season is coming soon. The plan is essentially the same as the last two years. All units should receive an email from the council, and we will have a breakout 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 2017. 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 2017 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  
Sugar Creek District Commissioner

**For Scouting Completing Merit Badges**

By: Andy Fulks

**Merit Badge Notes.**

As a slight "refresher" course on working as a Merit Badge (MB) Counselor, I would like to submit a few comments for both the counselor and scouts wishing to visit with an MB counselor.

If an adult leader is interested in being certified as a Merit Badge Counselor, all you have to do is ask. There are several people in the district that are qualified to perform the Merit Badge Counselor training for any interested leader.

As a counselor, when a scout requests a meeting in order to pass off either an entire merit badge or just a few remaining requirements on an unfinished merit badge, there are a few items that need to be discussed with the Scout prior to the session.

This is important for any parent or scoutmaster who has a Scout wishing to visit with the counselor. First and foremost is that the Scout, when requesting a meeting outside of the bounds of a typical Scout meeting, should always be dressed at least in his class A shirt (tucked in) and otherwise appearing in a neat and orderly manner. There needs to be at least one additional person present in order to meet the youth protection guidelines.

The Scout should always be prepared with not only the material needed to complete the requirements, but the exact written requirements that he is interested in fulfilling. This should be the most current merit badge pamphlet available (which is required reading for the specific MB anyway). At the very minimum, the Scout should bring the printed requirements from [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org), or a copy of the current years' BSA requirements book. It is not incumbent upon the MB Counselor to locate the specific requirements that the Scout wishes to complete.

Remember that NO person is authorized to change any BSA requirements as set forth in the most current BSA standards. This means that no one can make any requirement less stringent (easier), more difficult, nor substitute a requirement for any reason.

In addition to a regular adult application, Crossroads of America Council requires MB Counselors to submit a prepared form listing those merit badges that they are qualified to work with. The form allows no more than ten areas of expertise. If an MB Counselor has sufficient experience in a subject past the ten that they listed, it is acceptable to act as a counselor for further merit badges. Use your discretion.

## 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 District Executive, Jessica Hofman ([jehofman@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:jehofman@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 13, at 7pm, at the district roundtable, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 East South Street, Lebanon
- Wednesday, October 26
  - 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 District Executive to schedule a mutually agreeable time to submit the packet before the **October 26, 2015, due date**.

# Fall Camporee 2016

Where: Camp Belzer

When: October 14-16, 2016

Friday, October 14, 2016

3:00 P.M.

Units who are camping can arrive

Saturday, October 15, 2016

7:00-9:00 A.M.

Registration

8:00 A.M.

Station Master Meeting

8:30 A.M.

Patrol Leaders Report for Instructions

9:00 A.M.

Opening Flag Ceremony

9:15 A.M.

Stations Begin

12:00 P.M.

Lunch (1 hour)

1:00 P.M.

Resume Stations

5:00 P.M.

Food Tasting in Patrol Camp Sites

6:00 P.M.

Closing Flag Ceremony

6:15 P.M.

Dinner in Camp Sites

8:00 P.M.

Awards at Camp Fire Ring

Sunday, October 16, 2016

9:00 A.M.

Scouts own Service

12:00 P.M.

Leave Camp, Leave No Trace

## Station 1 Knots, Knots, and More Knots

Patrols will be tested on their abilities to tie several different knots.

## Station 2 Stretcher Carry

Each patrol will demonstrate how to successfully transport a patrol member using different types of stretchers. Materials will be provided for patrols to build their own stretchers.

## Station 3 Semaphore

Each patrol will be required to send and receive a message using semaphore flags.

## Station 4 Kim's Game

Patrols will be shown a display of several items for 30 seconds and will need to write down as many items as they can remember. This is a timed event. Please Note: No photos or notes can be made. Any patrol caught with their phones or cameras out could be subject to disqualification.

## Station 5 Archery

Each patrol will be given a designated amount of arrows to be shot at a target.

## Station 6 Trike Race

Each member of the patrol must complete 1 lap around the designated course.

## Station 7 Utensil-less Cooking

Each patrol will be required to cook an item, using no pots, pans, spatulas, forks, etc. Only nontraditional items will be allowed for cooking.

Scoring will be: 40 points for technique, 40 points for taste, 20 points presentation

## Station 8 Fishing

Patrols will be fishing for Backyard Bass. Each fish will have a designated point value. The winning patrols will be determined by the amount of points "caught" during competition.

