



# Sugar Creek District "Creekside" February 2017



## Crossroads of America Council

### Camp Cards

By: Mike Thompson

Our annual unit-level spring fundraising sale is near!

**2017 Sale Timeline: March 1 - April 14**

Click link below for all the details!

<http://crossroadsbsa.org/campcards>



### District Pinewood Derby March 11<sup>th</sup>



### District Dinner March 11<sup>th</sup>



### Spring Camporee

By: Mike Thompson

The Spring Camporee may seem months away but this year will offer a new theme titled "Escape." For more details see the last page of this newsletter.

Do you have what it takes to ESCAPE?



#### 2017 Camp Card Timeline

January 15	\$50 deposit per Boy Scout due for summer camp reservation
January 11 - February 10	<a href="#">Units submit Camp Card orders online</a>
February 10	Deadline to place initial unit Camp Card order (to have by February 27)
January - February	Camp Card promotions at District Roundtables
February 27	Camp Cards Pick-Up Day at council service centers (8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
<b>March 1</b>	<b>SALE BEGINS!</b>
March 1	\$50 deposit per Cub Scout due for summer camp reservation
March 1 - April 13	<a href="#">Council will accept initial and additional orders online</a>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>SALE ENDS!</b>
April 15 - 30	Units collect all unsold cards and money from Scouts and parents
May 1	Full payment and unsold card returns due to council service centers

## Commissioner's Minute

By: William Turner

We had a successful Klondike Derby last month. Thank you to all the units that attended, and thank you to Celeste Martin for planning it.

This past month we also received word that the district qualified for JTE Gold for the first time in several years. Thank you to everyone in the district for everything you do!

The next few months promise to be very busy. The district Pinewood Derby is on Sat 11 Mar. The district dinner is the same day, and it is a good time to celebrate the past year and recognize scouters in the district receiving various awards. April sees our spring camporee, which I have heard will be different from previous camporees. May also brings the annual program kickoff, and this year it is supposed to be back in the district.

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!

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



## Silver Beaver

By: Mike Thompson

Congratulations to both William Turner and Andy Fulks on receiving their Silver Beaver awards at the University of Scouting luncheon January 14<sup>th</sup>.



# ESCAPE



## 2017 SPRING CAMPOREE SUGAR CREEK DISTRICT, CARY CAMP

Escape? "Escape from what", you might ask. Well that's entirely up to you. It could be zombies. It could be the KGB or the evil Empire. Maybe a mind-baffling puzzle or maze. You see, this year's Spring Camporee is going to be a little different. This is going to be YOUR camporee. That's because each Scout Troop attending is going to brainstorm, plan, prepare, and run their own "station" or program area. And it can be just about anything YOU want it to be. As long as the idea "passes" district approval, you're golden. The Troop that comes up with the best "escape-themed" station, and that does the best at "escaping" the stations of other troops is going to come out on top.

For this year's camporee, Troops should divide themselves into patrols of 3 to 5 Scouts. One patrol will run the Troop's station, while any remaining patrols will compete at the stations being run by other Troops. As usual, the patrols running the stations will "score" the competing patrols on how well they completed the stations. However, the competing patrols will also be "judging" the patrols running the stations. The scores of the competing patrols for each Troop will then be averaged and combined with the score for the Troop's station-running patrol to determine the overall winner. In addition to the traditional bean pot trophy for the winning Troop, awards will be given for the top competing patrols for each station, as well as the highest-scoring station-running patrols.

But that's not all. Each Troop will also be responsible for preparing a skit, song, or other contribution for the Saturday night campfire, and will be judged on whatever they come up with. The score for the campfire contribution will also be factored in to determine the grand champion Troop.

Stations should be designed so that they can be completed by the competing patrols in approximately 20 minutes or less. Each station will also be responsible for developing their own scoring sheets, which should be broken down so that they add up to a possible total of 100 points. All stations must be supervised by at least one adult, provided by the Troop, at all times. Supervising adults, however, are not to be involved with the set-up or running of the station. Troops may switch off manning of the stations between their patrols.

All station ideas and scoring sheets must be approved by the camporee organizer or their designated appointee(s). Current approval contact is Chuck Smith (see below). Station ideas will be approved on a first-come/first-serve basis. The deadline for station submittals is March 31, 2017, but earlier submittal is encouraged.

Station ideas should be Scout-appropriate. Possible station-judging criteria include: Planning (creativity, well thought-out, incorporation of theme, appropriate for Scouting and the camporee, appropriate amount of time required to complete station, appropriate for the size of the patrols, etc.) as well as execution (ready on time, appropriate equipment in good working order, instruction clarity, creative presentation, enthusiasm in presentation, station managers know their roles and fulfill them well, an activity that is challenging but doable, incorporation of some aspect of Scouting, fun). Final judging criteria will be announced by January 31, 2017.

Troops must supply all materials needed for their stations, at their own expense. Some shelters may be available in the event of inclement weather, but Troops should plan on coming prepared with whatever they need to operate their stations in whatever weather conditions we have (including keeping scoring forms reasonably dry).

Troops must have at least two patrols (one running a station and one competing at stations) to be eligible for the overall winner. Any Cub Scout Packs attending camporee will not run their own stations, but will just compete, and be rated on their competition scores.

Location/Date: April 28-30, 2017, Cary Camp (east of Lafayette on S.R. 26). Cost: \$8/person. 1/12/2017 Revision  
OA activities are TBD/TBA. Tour Plans are required for Troop attending out-of-council camps.  
Contact Chuck Smith with questions, suggestions, etc. (765-436-2759 or crsmith@cabinsandcandlelight.com)