



Fall Creek District Newsletter

May 2021

Providing information to the Fall Creek District Scouts and Scouters. To be added to the Fall Creek District email distribution list, complete this [form](#).

Fall Creek District Roundtable

Thursday, May 13th at 7 pm on Zoom

Join us for the Fall Creek District Roundtable. It's a great way to meet other leaders in our district and learn some new skills to take back to your unit. After a short general meeting session, we have a separate break-out session for Scouts BSA and Cub Scout leaders.

Cub Scout Break-Out - Summertime Pack Award

Scouts BSA - The role of the unit Camping Chair

Please encourage all leaders involved with your outdoor committees or activity planning to attend.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81062162936?pwd=eXBQa1FvazJGU2J0VUJZZkg2OU0rZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 6216 2936

Passcode: 160

The next Fall Creek District Roundtable will be on Thursday, June 10th.

If you have trouble accessing the link, contact District Executive Dave

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Fall Creek District Awards Ceremony June 10th.

In place of the June District Roundtable, we will have the Fall Creek District Awards Ceremony to recognize the leaders and units who have gone above and beyond in the past year. Leaders will be recognized from the former scouting districts. Nominations will be for Pioneer "Share of Stock" and the Northeast District "Golden Spike".

Dinner will also be provided. The district will provide hot dogs and burgers. We are asking attendees to bring sides.

For more information, please contact District Executive [David Elser](#).

To nominate a unit leader, use this [form](#).

The nomination period ends on May 24th, 2021.

Location TBD. Either Camp Belzer or the Golden Burke Scout Center.

The First Annual Fall Creek District Pinewood Derby

The first annual Fall Creek District Pinewood Derby will be held in the lobby of the Golden Burke Scout Center at noon on Saturday, May 15th. Units may register one car per den, as well as one additional car to be voted on for Best In Show. The cost is \$5 per car, and new Scouts are welcome to attend and will receive a free Pinewood Derby car kit as well as the fishing pole and free membership per the current membership drive incentives.

Registration link click [here](#)

2021 Central Section Gold Rush Camporee Recap



Last month, Fall Creek District Troops 244, 242, 446, and 157 participated in the 2021 Central Section Camporee. Due to COVID restrictions, the event was held over Zoom. There were cooking and camp gadget competitions as well as a closing campfire.



Thank you to the following leaders who helped plan and run the Camporee: Mark Arenz, Paul Scholl, and Stephen Hentz helped with planning. Stephen Creason and Joe Werheim provided questions for Scout Baseball. Daniel Hurst helped with the execution of the event on Saturday. David Elser and William Etheridge offered assistance from the Scout professional side of things and attended planning meetings.

Fall Creek Committee Chair Gerald Frazier helped on the day of the camporee.



Congratulations to our newest Fall Creek District Eagle Scouts:



T-441 Nick B.
T-115 Davis L.
T-115 William M.
T-959 Cheikh N.
T-275 Aiden L.
T-254 Jack S.

2021 YPT Updates

National will be updating the YPT training in the near future. Here are some of the updates that you will see. Please share this with your scouting unit.

◆ **Q. Are there times when youth can gather, meet or conduct activities without adult supervision?**

A. No. Two-deep adult supervision by registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for all Scouting activities and must meet the leadership requirements outlined in Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#). This includes patrol activities.

◆ **Q. Can I share a tent with my son or daughter who has special needs?**

A. Youth and adults tent separately in the Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing programs. Youth who have a special need or disability who may require a parent or legal guardian to tent with them must develop a plan in conjunction with their local council Scout Executive to address their specific needs.

◆ Program Requirements

Q. Can buddy pairs be co-ed in Scouts BSA?

A. No. Scouts BSA program integrity requires single gender units and single gender buddy pairs.

Q. Can a leader bring their Scouts BSA son or daughter to an opposite gender troop activity?

A. No. Scouts BSA program integrity requires single gender units and single gender buddy pairs.

Q. Can any Scouts BSA member attend camp on their own?

A. Yes, as part of a provisional unit at camp. Contact your local council for availability.

Q. Can Scouts BSA girl and boy troops share a campsite?

A. Yes, if the campsite's layout and amenities meet all the requirements of Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#), including privacy and separate accommodations. Each unit must also meet supervision requirements.

For more information, please see the [YPT FAQ](#) page.

If you have any questions, please contact District Executive David Elser.

Scout Summer Camp



Summer camp is a great opportunity for the scouts to be active outdoors. The Council has many great options available for our scouts. Here are some important links for your pack or troop.

For more information, please visit the Crossroads Summer Camp page.

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/resources/camp-2021/>

To register for Cub Scout Camp:

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/programs/cub-scouting/camping/?fbclid=IwAR3t9P33VJ4pNbJx5kkhu10LfagAM6J6upIQDBwa9HmLOAWtpgSfhGDIZII>

2021 Camp Belzer Parent and Leader Guide

https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA160/document_16069504690_7158.pdf

To register your troop for Scouts BSA Camp and get more information about camping at Ransburg Scout Reservation:

<https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/programs/scouts-bsa/camping/>

2021 Camp Ransburg Parent and Leader Guide.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56893d64df40f3987ccb88c7/t/5fd10da571a9014fe91f953/1607536047188/2021campingguide.pdf>

If you have any parents who may need financial assistance with the summer camp fees, please have them complete a campership application.

<https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA160&id=1711>

Crossroads of America Response to Covid-19

For more information about how our council is managing scouting during this time, please visit the following link. [Our Council's Response to COVID-19](#)

This site has information and guidelines about council events, summer camp, advancement, and unit meetings.

Fall Creek District Contact Information

The Fall Creek District of Crossroads of America Council serves over 70 Scouting units located within the following counties in central Indiana. These units have more than 1,400 members that are supported by 529 unit and district volunteers.

District Director - [William Etheridge](#)
District Executive - [Dave Elser](#)
Fall Creek District Chair - [Gerald Frazier](#)
Fall Creek District Commissioner - [Mark Arenz](#)

[To add a unit leader to this newsletter](#)

Is your unit doing something really cool this month? Drop us a note with a photo or two and we will share it with the rest of the district. Send it to the [Tell Me Something Cool Mailbox](#)



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