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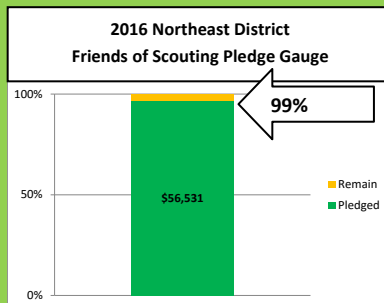


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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



In the Next 30 Days

- June 16, 2016
Cookout on the Circle
- June 20-24, 2016
[Dan Beard Week 2](#)
- June 20-24, 2016
[Baden Powell Week 2](#)
- June 24, 2016
[Sign-up Deadline for Launch into Scouting Rally](#)
- Jun 25-26, 2016
[WD9BSA ARRL Field Day](#)
- June 27-July 1, 2016
[Dan Beard Week 3](#)
- June 27-July 1, 2016
[Baden Powell Week 3](#)

Fall Wood Badge Course Approaching – Sign-up Now

The second **Wood Badge Course** that the Council offers this year is rapidly approaching. As in the past these sessions will be held over two weekends; the first is scheduled from **Saturday, August 20, 2016 through Monday, August 22, 2016** at **Ransburg Scout Reservation**. The second weekend is scheduled for **Saturday, September 17, 2016 through Monday, September 19, 2016** at **Camp Red Wing**.



This adult leader training offering is one of the best learning opportunities the Boy Scouts of America offers. Qualifications to participate are: (1) Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, (2) Have a current BSA physical and capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment, (3) Successfully completed Youth Protection, and (4) have completed your position-specific required training. The cost for Wood Badge is \$234.

Now is the time to [register on-line](#) for this life-changing learning opportunity and join the 100,000+ Scouters world-wide who are Wood Badge trained!

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Base Camp at Indiana State Fair Volunteers Needed

With summer in full swing, units are preparing for their week at one of the Council's Summer Camps, and for some units, a trip of a lifetime to Philmont, Northern Tier, Seabase or The Summit. It also means that the Indiana State Fair is rapidly approaching!



This year, the State Fair will run from **August 5 – 21, 2016** and Crossroads of America Council will be in need for volunteers to help man **Base Camp at the Indiana State Fair** during the Fair's run. This is a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to help spread the word about how much fun Scouting is to the thousands of Indiana State Fair attendees! For now, mark your calendars and be on the look-out for in the next month or so for an official call for volunteers. We would love to see you (and your unit) help with this outreach activity!

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Mark Your Calendar - Den Chief Training Tentatively Scheduled

If you haven't taken a look at the 2016 Troop-specific **Journey to Excellence** scorecard yet, you may be in for a surprise. New this year in the **Webelos-to-Scout Transition** category is the requirement that a Troop will need to provide at least one Den Chief to a pack and recruit at least five Webelos Scouts in order to achieve Gold Status in this performance metric.



This means that if you do not already have at least one fully-trained Den Chief in service you will need to begin looking now for a Scout(s) who needs a leadership experience for rank advancement and who would be a great "ambassador" for your Troop. The next thing that you will need to do is get your candidate Den Chief(s) appropriately trained. To help you with this, the Northeast District is in the final stages of organizing **Den Chief Training** for **Saturday, August 20, 2016**. More details will be forthcoming, but for now please identify your future Den Chief(s) and ask them to hold this day for training.

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- Jul 7, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Jul 7, 2016 (6:15-8:30 PM)
Launching into Scouting Rally
- July 11-15, 2016
[Dan Beard Week 4](#)
- July 11-15, 2016
[Baden Powell Week 4](#)

In the Next 60 Days

- July 17, 2016
[Ransburg 50-Year Celebration](#)
- July 18-22, 2016
[Dan Beard Week 5](#)
- July 18-22, 2016
[Baden Powell Week 5](#)
- July 25-29, 2016
[Dan Beard Week 6](#)
- July 25-29, 2016
[Baden Powell Week 6](#)
- Aug 1, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)
[First Aid Training](#)
- Aug 2, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)
[CPR/AED Training](#)
- Aug 3, 2016 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Aug 4, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Aug 5, 2016
Base Camp at IN State Fair
Opens
- Aug 7, 2016 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Aug 10, 2016 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables
- Aug 15, 2016
Online popcorn sales begin

In the Next 90 Days

- Aug 17, 2016 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Aug 20, 2016
NED Den Chief Training
- August 21, 2016
Base Camp at IN State Fair
Closes

Announcing Northeast District Friends of Scouting 100%+ Club

Believe it or not, with your help the Northeast District is less than \$200 away from our district Friends of Scouting (FOS) pledge goal! We could not have gotten this close, nor will be exceed our goal in the very near future, without YOU. We would like to recognize the 17 units in the Northeast District that met or exceeded their respective FOS unit goals by inducting them into the newly created **Northeast District 100% Friends of Scouting Club** for 2016.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT 100%+ FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CLUB		
Crew/Ship	Pack	Troop
Crew 427	Pack 50	Troop 133
Ship 2012	Pack 236	Troop 275
	Pack 335	Troop 276
	Pack 3980	Troop 335
	Pack 427	Troop 427
	Pack 441	Troop 686
	Pack 520	
	Pack 686	
	Pack 831	

Please note that this list is "live"; there are a couple of units that are very close to meeting or exceeding their unit FOS goals, so it's not too late to join the club!

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Scout Annual Popcorn Sales is Just Around the Corner...

Hopefully this message finds all units prepared for our upcoming popcorn sale by having a unit popcorn kernel identified. If not, you better get poppin' ...*pun intended!*

Here is an overview of this year's popcorn sales timeline.

Date	Key Deadline
Aug 15, 2016	Online sales fall rewards promotional period begins on http://www.trails-end.com
Aug 28, 2016	Initial popcorn order due online at http://scouting.trails-end.com/TESales/
Sep 14-17, 2016	Initial Popcorn Distribution
Sep 17, 2016	Sale Begins (Show and Sell & Take Orders)
Sep 17-25, 2016	Blitz Days
Sep 30, 2016 by 5 PM	Deadline to submit blitz prize order form to council
Sep 27 & Oct 4, 2016	Additional Popcorn Pick-up and Return Opportunities at Camp Belzer from 1 to 6 p.m.
Oct 23, 2016	Popcorn Sale Ends
Oct 25, 2016	Initial Unit Payment of 20% of the invoice amount due to Crossroads of America Council
Oct 25, 2016	Final Day to Return Unsold Popcorn to Crossroads of America Council
Nov 1, 2016	Final Unit Order due online http://scouting.trails-end.com/TESales/
Nov 1, 2016	Unit Prize Orders due to http://scouting.trails-end.com/TESales/
Nov 16-19, 2016	Final Popcorn Distribution
Nov 29, 2016 & Dec 6, 13 & 20, 2016	Cash 'n Carry at Camp Belzer
Dec 2, 2016	FINAL PAYMENT due

Don't hesitate to contact Jenny Mondy if you have any questions about the upcoming popcorn sale via [e-mail](#) or on her cell at 317-413-8034.

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- Aug 25, 2016
Cub Scout Sign-up Night
- Aug 27, 2016
NED Outdoor Leader Skills Training
- Sep 1, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Sep 6, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)
[First Aid Training](#)
- Sep 7, 2016 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Sep 11, 2016 (3:30 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Sep 14, 2016 (7:00 PM)
NED Roundtables

Who Can I Contact

Do you have feedback on the current issue?

Do you have ideas for news items in a future issue of

The Northeast District Monthly Gazette?

Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

Cub Packs Need to Register for Launch into Scouting Rally NOW!

While summer vacation has just started, it is not too early to begin planning for **Fall Cub Pack Recruiting**. The first step in these plans at the district level has already been scheduled. The Northeast District's 2016 **Launch into Scouting Rally** is scheduled for **Thursday, July 7, 2016** beginning at **6:15 PM** at the **Golden-Burke Scout Center**.



Please Click on this [link](#) to RSVP (Yes or No) for the July 7 Rally and provide some additional information for our fall recruiting effort. It is **CRITICAL** that you reply by **Friday, June 24, 2016** to allow sufficient time to personalize the flyers for your Packs!

Here is the tentative agenda for the Launch into Scouting Rally:

6:15-6:45 PM	Enter at the front doors and join us in the large conference room to check in. Gathering, pizza, check in, view model sign-in display, and popcorn information table
6:45-7:30 PM	Presentation of recruiting plan in conference room or outdoor fire arena depending on weather/heat. Children of leaders who are attending will be provided an opportunity with Boy Scouts to check out the fitness trail and/or play outdoor games
7:30 PM...	Smore's or ice cream (depending on weather) Pick up Pack box of materials and popcorn information

We are looking forward to seeing every Pack represented at our **Launch into Scouting Rally**. Don't hesitate to contact [Terry Prather](#) or [Jay German](#) if you have any questions.

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Camp Ransburg Silver Anniversary Celebration Set

This year will certainly go down in history as a special year. Not only is the state of Indiana celebrating its 200th year as a state, we just saw the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500, and believe it or not, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Camp Ransburg (now Ransburg Scout Reservation). To mark this historic event, there is a celebration planned for Sunday, July 17, 2016. The published schedule of events is as follows:



- 3:00pm - Arrival - Meet at Firecrafter Circle
- 3:15pm - Tour to the Inlow Aquatic Center
- 4:00pm - Waterfront Dedication Ceremony
- 6:10pm - Opening Flag Ceremony
- 6:20pm - Dinner
- 8:30pm - Campfire

While there is no charge to attend the celebration, please [register on-line](#) so that the organizers will know how much food to prepare for dinner. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Camp Ransburg!

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The NED Outdoor Experience Exchange – Turkey Run State Park

Are you are looking for yet another local outing venue that offers plenty of unique day hiking, is close to canoeing on Sugar Creek and is located in the heart of Indiana's covered bridges? If you are, then read on about another State Park that is just a little over an hour's drive west of Indianapolis.

WHERE: Turkey Run State Park is located at 8121 E. Park Road in Marshall, IN. As with most Indiana State Parks, there are group campsites available (both running water and primitive facilities are located in the group campsite area).

WHAT: Turkey Run State Park offers 14-miles of trails that loop around Sugar Creek for day hiking. Please note that all trails have portions that use ravine streambeds as trail surface and some will require using available ladders to climb out of the ravine; some sections can become slick and trail tread uneven. Parts of these trails may be impassable during high water and should be considered closed during such times and alternate trails used. If canoeing Sugar Creek is more your style, then there are numerous commercial outfitters that can equip your unit with canoes, paddles and personal flotation devices for day floats down Sugar Creek.

WHEN: Turkey Run State Park is open year-round for day use (8 AM until dusk). Camping is available between April and October.

COST: Depending on the options selected, this trip can range from inexpensive to moderately expensive. Camping costs at Turkey Run State Park for units is [very reasonable](#). Reservations can be made on-line. For more information, you may call Turkey Run State Park at (765) 597-2635.

If a unit elects to use Turkey Run State Park as their access point to canoe, kayak or tube on Sugar Creek and elects to use a commercial outfitter, then the costs will rise to the moderate range. One popular outfitter on Sugar Creek is [Clements Canoes Outdoor Center](#) located at 8295 W State Road 234, Waveland, IN 47989. You may checkout their website for more details or call them directly at (765) 435-2070.

Tell us about your outing to Turkey Run State Park by posting on the [Northeast District Facebook](#) page!

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