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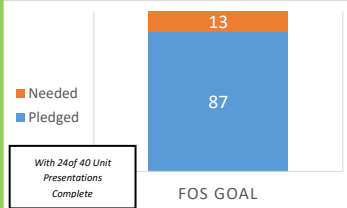
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Apr 19, 2017 (7-8 PM)
[Den Leader & Assistant Den Leader Position-Specific Training](#)
- Apr 20, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Apr 20-22, 2017
[Spring Wood Badge #1](#)
- Apr 21-23, 2017
[NED Spring Camporee](#)
- Apr 22, 2016
Outdoor Leader Skills
- Apr 26, 2016 (7-8 PM)
[Pack Committee Position-Specific Training](#)

Northeast District Pinewood Derby A Big Success

Our **Northeast District Spring Pinewood Derby** was held on **Saturday, April 8, 2017** at **Ed Martin Honda on Shadeland Avenue**. From all indications, it was another big success! Congratulations to Evan Kloch for his winning "Best of Show" car, and to Jack Van Horn, Brogan Jones, Patrick Van Horn, and Andres Chi Figley-Ramos, whose cars raced to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places respectively. Check out a few photos of some of the fun that was had at this event.



The district would like to extend a special thanks to Ed Martin Honda for once again providing the venue for the Northeast District Pinewood Derby and the many volunteers who worked to make the day come off without a hitch.



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Reaching For Tomorrow Outdoor Challenge Days Needs YOU!

Did you know that Crossroads of America Council, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana and 118 schools throughout central Indiana delivers an in-school educational program to over 10,000 at-risk and special needs youth? This program provides a supplemental curriculum to equip the students in the program with life skills to achieve self-sufficiency.



The "capstone" of the in-school Reaching for Tomorrow program is Outdoor Challenge Days. This annual event is scheduled for May 15-19, 2017 at Camp Belzer (right in our backyard). The organizers need your help to deliver the daily program, which runs from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Outdoor activities that will be shared during the daily program include:

- Apr 29-30, 2017
[Voyageur Training](#)
- May 1, 2017
Cub Scout "Early Bird" Final Payment Due
- May 2, 2017 (7-8 PM)
[Cubmaster & Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training](#)
- May 3, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- May 7, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- May 9, 2017
Ransburg Scout Reservation Merit Badge Registration Opens
- May 10, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- May 10, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg.
- May 11-13, 2017
[Spring Wood Badge #2](#)
- May 13, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- May 13-14, 2017
[Voyageur Training #1](#)
- May 15, 2017
BSA "Early Bird" #2 Due

In the Next 60 Days

- May 15-19, 2017
Outdoor Challenge Days
- May 16, 2017 (6:30 – 8:30 PM)
Riley 500 Eagle Project
- May 18, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- May 27, 2017
[500 Festival Parade](#)
- Jun 1, 2017
Cub Scout "Early Bird" #2 Due
- Jun 3, 2017
[College of Commissioners](#)

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| Rope Bridges | Baseball | Knot Tying |
| Cookie Decorating | Sack Races | Dancing |
| BB Gun Safety | Archery | Marshmallow Blow Tubes |
| Leaf Rolling | Putt-Putt Golf | Ring Toss |
| Earth Ball | Nature Hikes | Body Bowling |
| Face Painting | Obstacle Courses | Rain gutter Regatta |
| Tent Set-Up | Instrument Zoo | Campfire Set-Up |

There is a need for over 80 volunteers per day to help run the event; volunteer activities could include helping to run one of the stations (above), serving as a greeter as the children arrive, or even helping to safely fill the Camp Belzer parking lot with school busses! So, you are interested in helping out, but you can't work the entire week at this event; no problem...there are opportunities for volunteers that can be customized to your availability. To volunteer, please contact Heidi Viergutz via [e-mail](#) or by phone at (317) 989-8654. A volunteer form is also attached for your convenience. We are looking forward to seeing many of our Northeast District volunteers at this weeklong event!

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Re-Charter Reminders – Leader Training & Logging Service Hours

At a recent meeting, your Northeast District Committee revisited how the district reached Journey to Excellence (JTE) Gold Level during 2016. During the discussion, two specific JTE measures were identified as our top areas for focus as a district in 2017, and we need your help with both!

LEADER TRAINING: Last month you should have seen a vastly increased schedule of [adult leader training sessions](#) being offered during the year by your district training team. If you need to complete any of these required training sessions, please take advantage of these offerings. Please note that your District Committee has also taken action to close an identified training gap as well; in place of our April Committee Meeting, your Northeast District Committee (along with Pioneer District Committee Members), completed BSA's [District Committee Training Workshop!](#)



LOGGING SERVICE HOURS: We also discussed the perennial challenge for Scouting Units (and subsequently the district) to accurately reflect the number of service hours that are provided by all scouting units in our district.



So, what do you need to do to support your district's focus on accurately recording all qualified service hours in the national [BSA Service Hour Database](#)? It starts by collecting the necessary data. The data needed to successfully log qualified service hours includes:

- Date of the project
- Number of registered Scouts participating
- Number of non-Scouts (brothers, sisters, friends)
- Number of adult leaders participating
- Number of other adults participating
- Total hours worked (number of people times the length of time they worked)
- Organizations that joined you on the project
- Who or what organization benefited from the project
- Number of items collected (if applicable)

To help you accurately report service hours, the Boy Scouts of America has developed a [Service Hour Reporting Form](#) which can be downloaded and used to capture data about each service project using pencil and paper. Once a unit has collected this data, all that remains is to access the [BSA Service Hour Database](#), login with your unit ID number and password and enter the service hour data collected on each service project. So that you

[Science](#)

- Jun 4, 2017
[Voyageur Kayak](#)
- Jun 4, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Jun 7, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Jun 9-10, 2017
[Duty to God Retreat](#)
- Jun 14-28, 2017
CAC Philmont Trip

In the Next 90 Days

- Jun 17-18, 2017
WD9BSA ARRL Field Day
- Jun 21, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg

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](#)

don't forget the details, it is good practice to **LOG EACH SERVICE PROJECT AS IT IS COMPLETED**. This has another benefit to the unit; this will be one less thing to complete during re-charter activities at the end of the year!

Want more information? Contact your unit commissioner or our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#).

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Spring Camporee Rapidly Approaching – Is Your Unit All In?

By the time that you receive this issue of **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette**, Troops/Crews will have less than a week to finalize their plans to attend our STEM-focused **Spring Camporee** over the **April 21-23, 2017** week-end at **Summit Lake State Park**.



If your unit plans on attending, please [pre-register on-line](#). The cost to attend the Camporee is \$15.00 per participant (with the first two adults per Troop/Crew FREE!). We hope to see every unit there. If you have questions, please contact your Northeast District Camping Chairs [James Colter](#) or [Jason Lopez](#).

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Summer Week-Long NYLT Approaching – Sign-Up NOW!

Seneca, a Roman philosopher (4 BC to 65 AD), has been attributed with the following quote **“If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable.”** This quote can help explain why some Troops/Crews excel under their youth leadership and some units do not. Are you looking for a “tried-and-true” approach that can help your unit excel under your youth leadership? If so, read on.



The Boy Scouts of America offers **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**, sometimes referred to as White Stag on an annual basis. This six-day course is patterned after a month in the life of a unit. The NYLT course offering centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during NYLT as the team goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

In Crossroads of America Council, this course is being offered for Scouting youth 13 years of age or older three times in 2017 in two different formats:

When	Format	Dates	Location
Spring	Two Weekend Sessions	April 7-9, 2017 and Apr 28-30, 2017	Camp Kikthawenund
Summer	One Six-Day Session	June 18-24, 2017	Camp Red Wing
Fall	Two Weekend Sessions	Sep 15-17, 2017 and Sep 29-Oct 1, 2017	Camp Belzer

While it is too late to enroll in this year's Spring Session, there is still plenty of time to enroll your Scouting youth age 13 and above in either the Summer or Fall NYLT Sessions. The cost for either of these sessions is \$195 per participant.

I cannot think of a better way for your youth leadership to learn **“which port”** your unit needs to sail toward than by having current and future youth leaders in your unit attend a session of NYLT! If you have questions about the Summer Session, contact [Tamara Allison](#). Questions about the fall session should be directed to [Dave Wagner](#).

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500 Festival Parade Needs Your Help – Has Your Unit Signed Up?

The **500 Festival Parade** is the only event that has taken place every year since the 500 Festival's founding in 1957. This year's IPL 500 Festival Parade will be held on **Saturday, May 27, 2017** the day before the 101st running of the Indianapolis 500.



As in past years, the Festival Parade is looking to Boy Scout, Venture and Explorer units to assist with parade seating set-up and tear down. Units wishing to perform this service are asked to [register on-line](#) and meet at the National Prosthetics Center, 1900 N. Meridian St (the old Crossroads of America Council headquarters building) at **7:00 AM** on **Saturday, May 27**. All Scouting participants must wear their class "A" uniform shirt. The event should conclude around 2:30 PM. All participating Scouts will receive a 2017 Boy Scout/500 Festival Parade patch and all hours worked count toward unit JTE and scout advancement service hours requirements. If you have questions, please contact [Patrick Covell](#).

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Voyageur Canoe and Kayak Training Available...Oh My!

At the heart of every effective Scouting unit (e.g., Troop, Crew, Team, Post or Ship) is a monthly program with healthy doses of outdoor activities (e.g., camping, hiking, backpacking and various water sports). Each of these activities comes with their own unique hazards, and leaders must be well trained in the principles of risk management for the specific outing being planned to deliver both a fun and safe outing.



Of these, a paddle craft outing involving either canoes or kayaks present some of the most challenging hazards for leaders, but if planned and implemented flawlessly, can be some of the most memorable outings for youth. To help you plan and safely implement either a day-long float on Sugar Creek, or weeklong canoe trip to the Boundary Waters, Crossroads of America Council offers a unique paddle craft safety program call Voyageur. This course is offered twice a year over two weekends (4 days). The Spring Course, to be held at Camp Belzer is less than two-weeks away and there is still time to [enroll](#). The details of the spring course as follows:

Date	Arrival / Departure	What to Bring
April 29-30, 2017	Saturday Start 7:30 AM <i>You will be camping overnight on Saturday</i> Sunday Depart 4:00 PM	Sturdy shoes (no sandals) you will get wet. Complete change of dry clothes and shoes. Camping gear: tent, sleeping bag and personal hygiene items. Canoeing gear: 25' long 3/8" rope, brimmed hat, sun screen, long sleeve shirt and pants (not jeans or sweats), bug dope, rain gear, large sponge on a 6' cord, sun glasses, glasses strap, water bottle. Documentation of swimmers test. Health Form
May 13-14, 2017	Saturday Start 7:30 AM <i>You will be camping overnight on Saturday</i> Sunday Depart 4:00 PM	Same as above

The fee to attend this course is \$90 for registered Scouters and \$120 for non-registered Scouters. For this fee, each participant will have all meals provided, along with PFD's (life vests), paddles and canoes. The opportunity to learn is free to all who pay to attend this outstanding learning opportunity!

As mentioned in this article's title, Crossroads of America Voyageur program will offer Kayak certification for those who have complete the basic Voyageur program anytime in the past. This will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 and will require a separate fee.

For more information on the Voyageur Program contact Dave Bardos via [e-mail](#) or by telephone at 317-844-3223 or 317-518-7215.

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Ranger John Ham and Macaroni

Are you looking for a hearty meal that is nice and warm on a cool day? If so, then Jerry Phillips' (Troop 133) **Ranger John Ham and Macaroni** will deliver against your meal expectations. Please note that doing some preparation at home makes it pretty fast to put together; however if you have plenty of in-camp time (and help), then the prep time is a good opportunity to talk.



INGREDIENTS:

2 Pounds elbow macaroni pasta
½ Cup (1 Stick) butter
½ Cup of All Purpose Flour
½ Cup of brown sugar
2 Tablespoons prepared mustard
½ Teaspoon salt
½ Teaspoon ground black pepper
4 Cups milk
2 Pounds ham, cubed
4 medium apples, peeled and sliced
2 Cups shredded cheddar cheese
2 Cups bread crumbs
¼ Cup (1/2 standard stick) butter, melted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook macaroni in large-sized cook pot according to package directions, Drain water.
2. In Dutch oven over 25 coals, melt ¼ cup butter. Blend in flour, brown sugar, mustard, salt and black pepper.
3. Add milk. Continue to heat, stirring until mixture becomes thick and bubbly.
4. Blend in cooked macaroni, ham cubes, apple slices, and cheese.
5. Mix bread crumbs and melted butter in a medium-size bowl. Sprinkle crumbs over top of macaroni.
6. Bake for 35-minutes, keeping 12 briquettes under the over and moving 13 coals to the lid.

Note: Macaroni can be prepared at home prior to your trip. Store in Ziploc bags and bring with you to camp. Additionally, other meats or chicken may be substituted for the ham.

Do you have a favorite recipe that you are known for and are willing to share? Please send your recipes to [Mike Chambers](#) for sharing via future issues of ***The Northeast District Monthly Gazette***.

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