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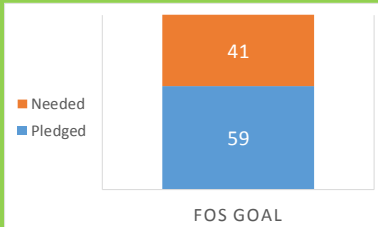
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2018 NED Goal Trackers



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Mar 16-18, 2018
OA Spring Fellowship
- Apr 4, 2018 (7:00 PM)

Northeast District Committee Goals for 2018 Developed

At the March District Committee Meeting, the following goals for the Northeast District were reviewed and approved for 2018. With all of your help, we will again have a GREAT Scouting Year! As an overall goal, we are again targeting to reach **Gold Level JTE** for the Northeast District.



To help us accomplish this, the following specific goals were identified and agreed to:

Commissioner Service

- Recruit at least 2 new unit commissioners. If you know someone who would be an excellent candidate to step up in one of these roles, please contact [Kim Wiggins](#).

Membership

- Surpass 2017 recruitment & membership. Detailed plans for recruiting will be available soon.

Program

- Recruit a Vice-Chair of Program. If you know someone who has an interest in activities, please contact [Jon Guimont](#).
- At least 25% of Cub Scout Packs earn the Summertime Pack Award. Qualifications for this recognition will be available at the Ideal Year of Scouting, which will be the focus of the April Northeast District Round Table.
- Camping: Increase Spring Camporee attendance to at least nine (9) units (a 10% increase). Continue Fall Webelo's-focused camporee.
- Activities: Offer a Northeast District Swim Test prior to summer camp.

Development

Recruit a Vice-Chair for Development. If you know someone who has an keen eye on finance and fund raising, please contact [Jon Guimont](#).

Service

- Gold level JTE for service hours by promoting entering of service hours; raise the average number of unit service hours reported on a per youth basis at all units.

Training

- Recruit a new Training Chair. We are happy to report that Leilan McNally has stepped into this role. If you have specific needs accepted
- Attain 100% of Committee Chairs Scoutmasters, & Cubmasters trained, plus one (1) trained Den Leader for each Pack. Continue to offer Leader-Specific Training at Northeast District Round Tables. See Training Goal Tracker above left.

As data becomes available, we will publish updates on our goals during the year. If you have any questions about the 2018 Northeast District goals, please contact either [Jon Guimont](#), [Kim Wiggins](#), or [Laura Clay](#).

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New REQUIRED Youth Protection Training – Deadline April 30th!

On February 1, 2018 the **New Mandatory Youth Protection Training** was released online. All adult volunteers are required to complete Youth Protection training before they start volunteering and then to repeat the training every two years.



Currently, the training is only available through my.Scouting.org. This training is replacing all previous Youth Protection trainings and will become the one training all adults complete.

NED Committee Mtg

- Apr 6-8, 2018
[NYLT Spring Weekend #1](#)
 - Apr 7, 2018
[NED Pinewood Derby](#)
 - Apr 8, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
 - Apr 9, 2018
[Scouting for Food Ends](#)
 - Apr 11, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
 - Apr 11, 2018
NED Round Tables
 - Apr 12-14, 2018
[Wood Badge Spring Weekend #1](#)
 - Apr 13, 2018
Camp Card Sales End
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- ### In the Next 60 Days
- Apr 19, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg
 - Apr 20-22, 2018
NED Spring Camporee
 - Apr 27-28, 2018
OA Ordeal
 - Apr 27-28, 2018
NYLT Spring Weekend #2
 - Apr 28-29, 2018
Voyageur Spring Weekend #1
 - Apr 30, 2018
New YPT Completion Deadline
 - May 2, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
 - May 4-6, 2018
Firecrafter Spring Fellowship & Camp Belzer 100th Year Camporee
 - May 6, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
 - May 9, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
 - May 9, 2018
NED Round Tables
 - May 10-12, 2018

The previous versions of trainings have been removed from my.Scouting.org already.

It is the Council's goal to have every leader complete the training and earn a 75% on the quiz by **April 30, 2018**. All new as well as current volunteers **must complete** the updated training. This training has 3 modules and a final quiz that must be completed:

- Overview and Policies (20 min.)
- Sexual Abuse (20 min.)
- Bullying (20 min.)
- Quiz (10 min.)

You need your login and password for my.scouting.org. There is only one training option to select. Please note that your dash board may indicate that you are already trained and have ### days before you would have to take the training again. It's still tracking your old training information.

If you have any questions, please contact [Leilan McNally](#) or [Laura Clay](#).

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Northeast District Pinewood Derby Rapidly Approaching

The date and time for the **Northeast District Pinewood Derby** is set (**Saturday, April 7, 2018** beginning at **8:30 AM**) and the location is set (**Ed Martin Honda, 770 N. Shadeland Avenue**). All that we are missing is YOU! All Cub Scout Packs in the Northeast District are eligible to attend. Each Pack may send their **top 3 cars in speed** as well as their **Best in Show** cars. Substitutions may be made at the Packs' discretion for any car that is not able to attend. Our Northeast District Pinewood Derby will be conducted using the previously published [rules](#).



All entries must be [pre-registered online](#), with the cost being \$6.00 per car. Cars may be checked in for the Pinewood Derby on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, or from 8:30 to 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Races will be run from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Hot Dogs provided By Ed Martin Honda while we wait for Racing Results and Awards Presentation (beginning at 12:30 PM).

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Ideal Year of Scouting at April Northeast District Round Tables

You won't want to miss the April Northeast District Round Table. As with our usual monthly Round Tables, this event will be held at the **Golden Burke Scout Center** on the second Wednesday of the month (**April 11, 2018**), beginning at 7:00 PM. The focus of this Round Table will be **The Ideal Year of Scouting**. This event helps units provide a year-round, quality Scouting program by providing resources to develop an annual program plan, a budget to go along with that plan, and a fundraising plan to reach your program goals. The result is a well-managed, well-financed Scouting unit. Please note that there is a special bonus for units in attendance...units who attend can earn an additional 1% commission on this year's popcorn sales!



If you have any questions, please contact [Laura Clay](#).

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Wagons West! Northeast District Camporee Approaching

The **Northeast District Spring Camporee** is just around the corner! The theme for this year's Camporee is Frontier...taking us back to days of no electricity, no unleaded gasoline and no boundaries on adventure.



Wood Badge Spring Weekend #2

- May 12, 2018 (8 AM – 12 PM)
Camp K Fishing Derby
- May 12-13, 2018
Voyageur Spring Weekend #2

In the Next 90 Days

- May 14-18, 2018
Outdoor Challenge Days
- May 17, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg
- May 18-20, 2018
OA Ordeal
- May 19, 2018
Voyageur Kayaking Certification
- Jun 3, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Jun 10-16, 2018
Wood Badge Summer Course
- Jun 14, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter 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***

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Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

This event will be held at [Camp Wildwood](#) (5103 E. Old Maple Avenue, Terre Haute, IN) from **Friday evening, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2018**. Units will be able to check-in on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. To participate, units should [pre-register online](#). Cost for this event is \$15.00 per Scout and \$10.00 per adult (first 2 adults for each unit are free). More details on this event can be found in the Northeast District Spring Camporee [booklet](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Laura Clay](#).

It is important to note that this event is listed as one of the Northeast District's 2018 Goals...we would like to see **at least nine (9) units** attend our Spring Camporee. Please help us put a big check mark against this district goal!

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There Is Still Time to Be Part of Scouting for Food – Ends April 9th

[Scouting for Food](#) is a national Boy Scouts of America community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in local communities. Crossroads of America Council participates in this annual spring food collection program in collaboration with Kroger and the Girl Scouts of America, with all proceeds staying in central Indiana. While this service project began on March 12, 2018, there is plenty of time to help stem hunger in central Indiana. If you have not already committed to this project as a unit, please join. This campaign will end on April 9, 2018. As a bonus, units that participate may submit for the participation patch with this link.



Don't forget that your participation in Kroger Scouting for Food counts toward service hours. Please log your hours in the national [BSA Service database](#). This is a great way to "Do a Good Turn" and help fellow Hoosiers in need. If you have questions, please contact Patrick Covell by [email](#) or by telephone at (317) 813-7093.

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End of Camp Card Sales Approaching – Last Day April 13th!

With March Madness approaching, I guess you could say that the 30 Northeast District units that are selling Camp Card Sales are "coming out after half-time" to resume the selling game. Yes, the last day to sell Camp Cards (Friday, April 13, 2018) will be here before you know it. Now is not the time to lose momentum. Instead, now is the time to reflect on what has been successful for you so far and make plans to end the sales strong.



- Have you gone back to the houses in your neighborhood that you initially visited, but no one was home?
- How about knocking on doors at the neighborhood down the street (that you have not yet approached)?
- Have you sold Camp Cards to all of your relatives...even your distant relatives?
- And finally, have you contacted friends in Indianapolis via social media offering to deliver any Camp Cards that they agree to purchase from you?
- Have parents asked co-workers to purchase a Camp Card from you?

There is still time for a Scout to add to their funds from earlier Popcorn Sales to help offset the cost of Summer Camp! Happy Selling!

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Mark Your Calendar for Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeals

During our Northeast District Spring Camporee, Scouts who have been elected by their units, and adult volunteers who have been nominated for membership in the Order of the Arrow (OA), will be "called out".



This is the first step in an individual's induction into OA, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. To complete the induction process, each candidate must complete a weekend ordeal. There are two scheduled OA Ordeals immediately following our Spring Camporee. The dates and locations are as follows:

- South Area Ordeal - April 27–29, 2018 at Camp Belzer
- North Area Ordeal - May 18-20, 2018 at Camp Kikthawenund

Please make a note of these dates.

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Firecrafter Spring Fellowship & 100th Year Camp Belzer Camporee

Founded in 1920, Firecrafter is a service organization that serves Scouting in the Crossroads of America Council. Designed to emphasize the ideals of friendship, leadership, and service, Firecrafter teaches youth how to become a better Scout. Scouts can earn ranks in Firecrafter only during long-term summer camp sessions.



There are a number of activities for the organization throughout the year, with the **May 4-6, 2018** weekend marking their annual **Firecrafter Spring Fellowship**. This year, it will be extra special, as this marks the 100th year of the founding of **Camp Belzer**. To mark this milestone, there will be a **Camp Belzer 100th Anniversary Camporee** held in conjunction with the Firecrafter Spring Fellowship (open to all). More details about this once in a lifetime event will be forthcoming. For now, please mark this data on your calendar. You won't want to miss it!

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Recapping February 2018's Northeast District Recognition Dinner

On Wednesday, February 7, 2018 over 60 people assembled at Camp Belzer for the Annual Northeast District Recognition Dinner. During this event, outstanding units and unit leaders were recognized, along with the young men who reached the rank of Eagle Scout during 2017. A summary of recognitions presented follow:



The Northeast District units of the year were recognized:

- Pack of the Year: Pack 200
- Troop of the Year: Troop 446
- Crew of the Year: Crew 427

Individuals were also recognized at this event. Eleven of the 41 young men who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Northeast District during 2017 were present and were recognized by the District (see photo).



Northeast District Eagle Scouts

Additionally, volunteers at the unit level were recognized with Golden Spike Awards. This award, given annually, recognizes registered Scouters who continually provide initiative, enthusiasm, and exceptional service to the Scouting programs in which they serve. These Scouters hold their respective programs together. They provide the spark to deliver on the promise of quality Scouting to packs, troops, crews, teams.

The Northeast District Committee also selected unit leaders of the year. This year, Jessica Jarrett of Pack 335 and Jerry Hendrick of Crew 427 were presented with this honor (see photos).



Jessica Jarrett, Pack 335



Jerry Hedrick, Crew 427

The evening culminated with a final recognition. The District Award of Merit, the highest volunteer recognition that can be awarded by a district, was presented to : Jon Guimont, Troop 276 and Andrew Troxell, Pack 50 (see photos).



Jon Guimont, Troop 276



Andy Troxell, Pack 50

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