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Leader Edition

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More Scouts. More Ways. More Impact.

In just a few days, Crossroads of America Council is kicking-off the public phase of its \$16 million major gifts campaign to expand its capacity to serve traditional Scouts as well as at risk, low income and special needs young people.

As you know, we are facing an increasing demand for customized Scouting programs and financial help for Scouts. It currently serves more than 44,000 families across 25 central Indiana counties. Of those, nearly 40 percent now receive some special financial help - whether it is uniforms, camp fees, books, registration fees or extra staff support.

Community leaders, volunteers and Scouts will explain the need for the campaign and how it will benefit families across all 25 counties.

In addition, Alvin Townley, an Eagle Scout and acclaimed author of two books about Scouting, Legacy of Honor and Spirit of Adventure will discuss how Scouting is shaping America's next generation of leaders.

The kick-off will be on Thursday, August 6 from 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. at Camp Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis.

This year, we will be asking supporters to make just one gift that can support both the Friends of Scouting campaign and the major gifts campaign. More details will be shared in the near future.

To read more about the campaign, [click here](#).

Tell us your story!

Do you have a Scouting story to tell? Help spread the great news of Scouting in central Indiana by sending your story to Shelly Grimes, marketing and public relations coordinator, at sgrimes@crossroadsbsa.org and you could see your story here!

Council News and Events

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Council Calendar

August

[1-9 Holiday World](#)

2-8 Ransburg Scout Reservation Week #9

3-7 Belzer Week #7

8-10 Wood Badge weekend #1 @ Ransburg Scout Reservation
[14 Venturing & Exploring Games Night with Gen Con at GameWorks](#)
14-16 Firecrafter Grand Ritual @ Kikthawenund
[15 Collections Merit Badge](#)
15 Cub Scout Chess and Marbles Belt Loop Workshop
[16 Gen Con VIP Workshop](#)
22-23 COPE/Climbing Activity Day/Weekend
23 OA Lodge Executive Committee @ Camp Belzer

5...4...3...2...1... It's Time to BLAST OFF INTO SCOUTING!

The new School Night recruiting season is here! To learn about this year's campaign and incentives, [click here](#).

Scouting is turning 100-- Celebrate with us!

It's an exciting time to be involved in Scouting. As the Crossroads of America Council prepares to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in 2010, we hope you'll take a minute to reminisce on the joys of your Scouting experience. Whether it takes you back to sitting around a campfire as a child or reminds you of the pride you felt watching your child achieve a goal, Scouting has made millions of impactful moments in the lives of young men and women, families and communities in the last 100 years.

But our centennial celebration is about more than looking back. As Scouting prepares for its year in the spotlight, we hope to use this opportunity to share the joys of the Scouting experience with as many people as possible in central Indiana. Crossroads of America Council has been planning this celebration for nearly two years, and we are excited to begin sharing some of these details as you begin planning your 2010 program year. The council has been hard at work coming up with unique, exciting ways to allow **all** Scouts, volunteers and alumni to join the celebration.

You will hear more about these plans in the upcoming months, but we want to let you know a few of the ways your unit can get involved in our year of celebrating the adventure and continuing the journey.

Action Scouts: This yearlong program, launching in January 2010, is designed to give both individual Scouts and Scout units the chance to tell their Scouting story in their local communities, specifically at community events like fairs, festivals and parades, through entertaining and interactive activities. If your unit may be interested in becoming involved with Action Scouts, please [click here](#) and return the completed form to ScoutStories@crossroadsbsa.org.

**Note: The council will have resources, staff and volunteers to assist units in this program. Watch for more information in the coming months.*

100th Anniversary Ambassadors: To keep Scouting in the spotlight for all of 2010, we are looking for volunteers for this "Adopt A Business"-type program to share and stock special Scouting marketing collateral at local businesses. If you or someone in your unit is interested in becoming a 100th Anniversary Ambassador, please [click here](#) and return the completed form to ScoutStories@crossroadsbsa.org.

**Note: The council will have resources, staff and volunteers to assist units in this program. Watch for more information in the coming months.*

100th Anniversary Toolkits: We want to empower and encourage each unit to celebrate this Scouting milestone by giving every unit the tools they need—a sort of "100th Anniversary in a box." The council is already working on high quality collateral material, banners and interactive activities that will be available to all units, but we want to hear what else you may need. It could be as big as a monkey bridge or climbing wall to take to community outreach events or as small a step-by-step guide on how to host a troop reunion. We want these toolkits to be easy-to-use and to enhance your unit's Scouting program. Send any feedback or suggestions you have to ScoutStories@crossroadsbsa.org. You will hear more about these toolkits at your district kickoff later this summer.

National Hall of Leadership/Centennial Scouts: Crossroads of America Council and the Boy Scouts of America National Council are working together to find top Scouts who have made a difference in their community through Scouting. Whether it's a Cubmaster who has served for decades, a Scout who saved a life using first aid skills or an Eagle Scout-turned-C.E.O., we want to hear your story! For more information or to submit a story, [click here](#).

We hope that you'll join us in the celebration. With your help, we can share the Scouting experience with the community and ensure that Scouting will continue to be strong for the next 100 years.

100th Anniversary Time Capsule

Time capsules are often created then buried or hidden in an effort to provide historical information and communication for future generations. With Scouting on the verge of its 100th Anniversary and on the cusp of establishing a new form of

service to our volunteers in central Indiana, we look to have our time capsule express today's thoughts on the impact of Scouting. Our goal is to gather stories, between now and the dedication of the new Scout Education and Program Center, and place them in the capsule only to be opened in about 50 years - Feb. 8, 2060, Scouting's 150th anniversary. We need your submission! [Click here to fill out a card and submit it for the time capsule.](#)

Silver Beaver nominations now open

The Silver Beaver is the highest award a local council may bestow upon a volunteer for exemplary service to Scouting and the community. A nomination form can be found on the council Web site at www.crossroadsbsa.org/silverbeaver

If you would like an electronic version, please e-mail council@crossroadsbsa.org and request the form. Nominations are due by Sept. 30, 2009, and should be returned to Silver Beaver Selection Committee, Crossroads of America Council, and P.O. Box 1966, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1966.

Program Planning

Do you ask families to pay for events more than once a year? Do your annual unit operations cost more than the money raised in the popcorn sale? Would you like more help from parents in your unit? Are you doing too much on your own and attending too many meetings? If you answered YES to any of these questions, program planning is for YOU! To access program planning materials, [click here](#) and choose your program. You will find a helpful link on leadership inventories (great for school night planning), budgets, activities and so much more. For a more in-depth training on how to maximize your unit's potential, attend one of the following program planning workshops on Aug. 27 or Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. in the King Library at Camp Belzer. Contact Ryan Keys for more information at 925-1900 or rykeys@crossroadsbsa.org.

Be Prepared for Popcorn!

The fall popcorn sale will be here soon-- is your unit prepared? The Crossroads of America Council Web site has all the resources you need to make sure you have a fantastic sale in 2009! Visit www.crossroadsbsa.org/popcorn to sign up, learn about the online popcorn system, find resources for promoting your unit's sale and learn top selling tips from the experts. Visit now to make sure your unit has a successful fall sale!

New Quality Unit Award

Over the past three months, a small team of volunteers and professional staff have collaborated to create a new Quality Unit Award for our council. The expectations outlined in this new award can be utilized by all units across the district as an alternative to the Centennial Quality Award form. [Click here](#) to learn more about this award and its focus on membership growth, financial health and growth in trained volunteers.

District Information

Click the link below to see upcoming dates and important information in your district.

[Del-Mi](#)

[Golden Eagle](#)

[Hou Koda](#)

[Iron Horse](#)

[Northeast](#)

[North Star](#)

[Old Trail](#)

[Pathfinder](#)

[Pioneer](#)

[Sakima](#)

[Sugar Creek](#)

[T-Sun-Ga-Ni](#)

[Wabash Valley](#)

[Exploring](#)

[Reaching For Tomorrow](#)

[Venturing](#)

Training News

Training

Visit www.crossroadsbsa.org/training

This is your one stop shop to find out what training you need and what trainings will be offered in the upcoming months. This site will also route you to all the online trainings that are offered by the Boy Scouts of America!

Wood Badge: Aug. 15-19 and Sept. 12-14

Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend. [Click here for more information.](#)

Wilderness First Aid Basics

The Wilderness First Aid Basics course was developed by the American Red Cross Transylvania County (NC) Chapter to serve the needs of outdoor recreation organizations in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. It is a basic course in backcountry emergency response for those who work, live or play in remote areas B more than 30 minutes from emergency medical services. Even though emergency workers near these areas may be trained to search for and rescue those in need, there may be a significant delay in notifying rescuers, getting to the patient, and moving the patient to more advanced treatment. [Click here for more information.](#)

Finance

2nd Annual Rummage Sale

We are planning a huge rummage sale on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Belzer to raise money for the new Boy Scout Volunteer Education Center. Volunteers for this sale are welcome! Please take this opportunity to help with this endeavor by recycling your unwanted goods. We will start collecting donations for the sale the first week of November. More information will be forthcoming in future articles.

If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Jean Merrell at (317) 925-1900 ext. 241 or jmerrell@crossroadsbsa.org.

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80182	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	32	80188	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	20
80183	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	34	80189	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	22
80184	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	36	80190	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	24
80185	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	38	80191	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	26
80186	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	40	80192	FRONT CS SWITCHBACK	28

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MuncieScoutShop@crossroadsbsa.org

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