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Scouts help kick off Colts' season opener

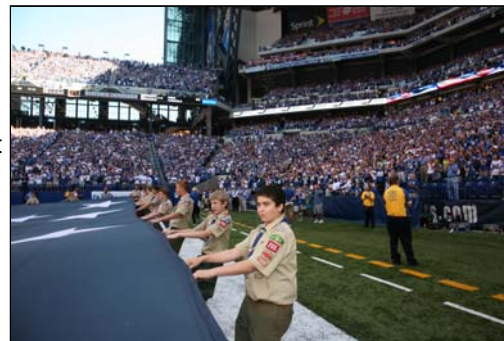
Last month, more than 140 Scouts from across central Indiana got the opportunity of a lifetime: The chance to participate in the pre-game festivities on the field at Lucas Oil Stadium.

These Scouts carried and presented a giant flag that covered nearly the entire football field during the first regular season home game of the Indianapolis Colts to commemorate the upcoming 100th Anniversary of Scouting. The partnership with the Colts began at the first pre-season game of the season when a group of Scouts presented the colors prior to the National Anthem.



Scouts got to meet players before the game, in addition to getting the chance to stand on the field in front of 60,000 fans.

The partnership with the Colts is one of many that is being developed to help celebrate Scouting's Centennial. If your Scout or unit would like to help out at these events-- which include opportunities with the Pacers, Indians, Ice, Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade-- simply let the council know that you're interested by participating in the Action Scouts program. More information on the Action Scouts program, as well as a sign-up sheet, can be found by visiting <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/100years>.



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 Pfenninger, marketing and public relations coordinator, at spfenninger@crossroadsbsa.org and you could see your story here!



Council News And Events

Council Calendar

October

2-4 Firecrafter Fall Frenzy at Camp Belzer
[3 Cub Scout Fun Day at Indianapolis Motor Speedway](#)
7 COPE Meeting at Camp Belzer
10 Backpacking Awareness Training #1 of 2 @ Camp Belzer
10-11 COPE/Climbing Activity Day/Weekend
16-18 OA Fall Fellowship
17 Red Wing Do-it-to-it-Day
17 Wood Badge Bead Dinner @ Camp Belzer
17 Popcorn Sales mid-point Rally
[21 Wilderness First Aid Basic Training \(3 of 4\)](#)
21 Popcorn Sales Meeting
[23-25 Civil War Days](#)
24 Friends of Bear Creek work days
24-25 COPE/Climbing Activity Day/Weekend
24-25 Backpacking Awareness Training #2 of 2 @ Camp Belzer
[28 Wilderness First Aid Basic Training \(4 of 4\)](#)
29 Camp Promotion Team Kick off @ Camp Belzer
[29 Program Planning Session at Camp Belzer, 7 p.m.](#)

November

1 Daylight Savings time - set back 1 hour
3 Election Day
4 COPE Meeting @ Camp Belzer
7 Council rummage sale, 7:30 a.m., Camp Belzer
[7 Pow Wow Cub Scout Leader Training, Den Chief, BALOO, CPR & More](#)
7 Cub Scout Camp Kick-off
7 Popcorn Sales End
7-8 COPE/Climbing Activity Day/Weekend
8 Firecrafter Council Committee Meeting
9 "Take Order" popcorn orders due to council
10 Extra popcorn not needed by unit may be returned for credit
11 Property Committee Meeting
11 Veteran's Day
13-15 OA Lodge Leadership Development at Camp Belzer
16 Popcorn product orders & prize orders due online
17 Training Committee Meeting
17 Popcorn products return deadline
18 Popcorn Sales Meeting
18 Show & Deliver Popcorn Payments Due
21 Merit Badge Day @ Marian College
26-27 Thanksgiving- Offices & Scout Shops Closed

Circuit of Fun

Our council has developed partnerships with local organizations to provide low-cost, quality activities for Scout groups and families. You can attend as a den, pack, or individual family. All activities include a free Circuit of Fun patch for Scouts! [Click here for the Circuit of Fun calendar.](#)

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. To learn about the activities and resources available to your unit, [click here](#).

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 the program planning workshops on 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.

Jamboree-on-the-Air

Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)" is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The event utilizes amateur radios, computers and the internet to connect thousands of Scout groups during the weekend of Oct. 17-19, 2009. Two sites are available in Crossroads of America Council for participation. [Click here to learn more](#).

Registration Fee Increase

The National Executive Board unanimously passed a resolution at its May 2009 meeting to increase the traditional membership annual registration fee for youth and adults from \$10 to \$15 effective January 1, 2010. The annual Exploring fee will remain \$10. [Click here for more information](#).

Change in Social Security Number Entry during Internet Rechartering Due to Privacy Concerns

This fall, in time for the next charter renewal cycle, all Social Security Number (SSN) entry fields and references will be removed from Internet Rechartering and will be replaced with the display of an informational text message as follows: *****Social Security Number is required and will be entered by your council from the adult application.**"

The local council will assume the responsibility for entering SSNs for new adult leader applicants once the renewal has been submitted through Internet Rechartering, and the required paperwork has been received at the council office. The current Charter Renewal posting process in local councils does not allow an adult leader registration to be posted without a valid SSN, so this implementation will not compromise or change the current SSN requirement or validation.

Support documentation for Internet Rechartering will be revised so that the Help document and Tutorial will be changed to explain this change.

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 2010 Class Schedule Announced

Wood Badge is advanced leadership training. It is the natural next step in training after completing New Leader Essentials and the specific training for your registered position. Whether you completed basic training years ago or will in the next couple of months, you are eligible to attend Wood Badge. This two weekend long course will provide you with classroom and outdoor experiences designed to give you a variety of learning opportunities, as well as, give you the edge when working with small and large groups. Skills covered include communications, listening skills, leadership processes, team building, leading change, problem solving and resolving conflict. Skills learned will be useful in your personal and professional life as well as in Scouting.

The registration form will be on www.crossroadsbsa.org shortly with the price and the scholarship applications, however, a \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot.

Spring Course Dates:

April 15-17, 2010 at Camp Belzer (1 of 2)

And

May 13-15, 2010 at Camp Redwing (2 of 2)

Course Director: Steve "Froggy" Williams

Fall Course Dates:
August 21-23, 2010 at Camp Ransburg (1 of 2)
And
September 25-27, 2010 at Camp Kikthawenund (2 of 2)
Course Director: Tom Williams

Marlinspike Skills - Knots Course March 5-7, 2010 at Camp Belzer

Marlinspike is the old sailor's terms for fancy knot tying. This adults only course offers hands-on instruction by the best teachers of knots and rope work around. Knowledge of basic knot tying is a plus, but not required. If you have a willingness to learn then you will enjoy this course.

The course starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends around noon on Sunday. The cost of the course is \$60.00 and covers all meals, materials, lodging and entertainment. The course is limited to 15 people and the registration deadline is February 15, 2010. More information for this course can be found at www.crossroadsbsa.org

Voyageur Canoe Training

This is a 2 weekend course and attendance is required at both weekends. The objective of the course is to prepare adults to take the voyageur program back to the troop and conduct safe canoe outings including high adventure trips. By attending the course you will also earn Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and the Paddle Craft Safety Certifications.

The cost of these courses are \$79.00, additional info can be found at www.crossroadsbsa.org. The dates offered below are:

Spring 2010:
1st Weekend is April 24-25
2nd Weekend is May 1-2

Fall 2010:
1st Weekend is September 11-12
2nd Weekend is September 18-19

White Stag - National Youth Leadership Training

The National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members of the BSA with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must Know, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership."

More information can be obtained by visiting www.crossroadsbsa.org and the registration and prices will be up shortly. However the dates to save are:

June 13-19, 2010 and July 11-17, 2010

Wood Badge Scholarship Benefit Dinner

The Wood Badge Association of the Crossroads of America Council cordially invite you and your quest(s) for an evening of dining, fun, and fellowship. Rekindle the Spirit of Wood Badge or spark your interest. This event benefits the Wood Badge Scholarship fund.

The cost of the event is \$20.00 a person or \$35.00 a couple. After October 3 the cost is \$30 per person and \$45.00 a couple. The event will be held at Camp Belzer in the Training Center on October 17, 2009. The event will start at 6:00pm with a social hour/trading post and silent auction. The dinner and program will begin at 7:00pm, the keynote speaker is Cindy Noe, State Representative.

More information can be obtained by visiting www.crossroadsbsa.org and downloading the event registration form.

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.

This is a 16 hour course including classroom instruction, hands-on skills practice, and real-life scenarios. This course covers assessment and urgent first aid techniques, but not CPR. Basic first aid skills are covered, making this course appropriate for anyone regardless of experience level. No prerequisites are required. A minimum age of 16 is recommended for participants due to the serious nature of the course and scenarios. You must pass a test at the end of the class with a score of 80%. A certificate good for 3 years is issued at course completion.

Course 1 is:

September 23 and 30, October 21 and 28, 2009 from 7-10pm at Camp Belzer

Course 2 is:

February 3 and 24, March 24 and 31, 2010 from 7-10pm at Camp Belzer

More information can be obtained by visiting www.crossroadsbsa.org

Backpack Awareness Training

Is a great opportunity for you to prepare yourself or your unit for a High Adventure Trip or a troop backpacking outing. The following trainings will be awarded: Severe Weather Training, Trek Safely Training, and Leave No Trace Training in addition to all the other knowledge about back country first aid, cooking and proper equipment. Attendance is required at both dates:

October 10, 2009 from 8am to 5pm at Camp Belzer (Classroom Training)

October 24 @ 9am to October 25 at 11am at Camp Ransburg (Outdoor Experience)

POW WOW 2009 - CUB LEADERS TRAINING

WHAT: POW WOW 2009-Crossroads Days, Hollywood Nights

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 2009

TIME: Check-in / Late Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.

WHERE: Raymond Park Middle School, 8575 East Raymond Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

WHY: 1) Training makes your job a lot easier.

2) Opportunity for Basic Training if you haven't had it yet

3) With more than 65 different courses, there is something for everyone!

4) There will be a midway with lots of interesting booths and "Scout Stuff"

5) You will be glad you came to Pow Wow 2009!

6.) Share ideas and experiences with other Scout Leaders and have a great time!

R.S.V.P By October 27, 2009 for best price: \$20.00 (Late registration: \$30.) For more information, contact Tim Bouchard at (317) 925-1900 or tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org.

Catholic Religious Award Counselors needed!

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Committee on Scouting are planning a training course for Catholic Religious Awards Counselors, so if you are not trained this is the time to receive the training that is required by national. Persons wanting to get training as a counselor should call or email and an effort will be made to meet you and get the training done (we ask you to try and get several people from your parish together at once), also all counselors should have the Scouter known as the Lay Apostolate dates to be announced later. Contact Chet Price Sr.: chetpsr@sbcglobal.net 317-781-1362 or Chet Price Jr.: whtwolf1@comcast.net, 317-753-7540. The board of review for Ad Altare Dei will be on January 3, 2010 at Our Lady of Greenwood Church at 1:00 pm.

Finance

2nd Annual Rummage Sale

The second annual rummage sale will be Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Belzer. Funds raised will go towards the new Boy Scout Volunteer Education Center. * 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. Please bring your contributions to Camp Belzer on the following days and times:

Sunday, Nov. 1 - 1-5 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 2 - 4-6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov.3 - 4- 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 5 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 6 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Due to limited storage space we will not be able to take appliances or adult clothing.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Merrell at (317) 925-1900 ext. 241 or merrell@crossroadsbsa.org

*Volunteers for this sale are welcome!

From the Scout Shop...

**Need uniforms or supplies for your upcoming Scouting year?
Click below for the appropriate order form.**

[Cub Scout Order Form](#)
[Webelos Scout Order Form](#)
[Boy Scout Order Form](#)

INDIANAPOLIS SCOUT SHOP INTRODUCES EXTENDED FALL HOURS! IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL/BACK TO SCOUTING SHOPPING MORE CONVIENENT, WE WILL BE OPEN ADDITIONAL HOURS TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 8:30 A.M. TO 7 P.M., SEPT. 1-OCT. 15

Anderson, IN 46012
(765) 644-6687

AndersonScoutShop@crossroadsbsa.org

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,
2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Muncie Scout Center

New location!

3400 E. Jackson
Muncie, IN 47305
(765) 288-0223

MuncieScoutShop@crossroadsbsa.org

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Roesch Scout Center

1900 N. Meridian Street
PO Box 1966
Indianapolis, IN 46206
(317) 925-1900 ext 209
Fax: 317-921-3474

IndyScoutShop@crossroadsbsa.org

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hagerstown, IN 47346

(765) 489-4552

HagerstownScoutShop@crossroadsbsa.org

Hours: Mon., Wed.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tues. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Terre Haute Scout Center

501 South 25th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47803
(812) 232-9496 ext. 12

demorgan@crossroadsbsa.org

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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