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Leader Edition

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OA Ceremonialists Earn Honors At NOAC

Jaccos Towne Lodge ceremonialists from the Quanasita and Wapsuchuppecatt Chapters earned "Honor Medals" at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) held Aug. 1-6 at Indiana University in Bloomington. Ceremonialists competed as individuals or as teams against a national standard and against OA ceremonialists from across the country.

Jon Sowers of Quanasita Chapter received an Honor Medal for the Vigil Chief Ceremony. Matt Woodard, Will Atkins, Silas Coghill, and Zac Coghill of Wapsuchuppecatt Chapter received Honor Medals for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Ceremonialists Jon Sowers and Stephen Bernard of Quanasita Chapter and Will Atkins and Todd Wildey of Wapsuchuppecatt Chapter combined their talent and efforts to represent Jaccos Towne Lodge in the Brotherhood Ceremony, and while they fell just short of earning an Honor Medal, they delivered an outstanding performance in which they actually inducted a new Brotherhood member to the Lodge - a rare if not unprecedented event!

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Founded in 1915, it uses American Indian traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. All ceremonies are performed by the youth members who put in many hours to memorize, practice, and conduct the ceremonies. Honor recognition at NOAC is an achievement!

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 sgrimes@crossroadsbsa.org and you could see your story here!

Council News and Events

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Council Calendar

September

- 7 Labor Day - Offices & Scout Shops closed
- 12 Firecrafter Officer Training @ Belzer
- [12-14 Wood Badge weekend #2 @ Camp Wildwood](#)
- [12-13 Andersonstown Pow Wow Scout Special](#)
- [12-13 Voyageur Canoe Training #1](#)
- 12-13 COPE/Climbing Activity Day/ Weekend
- [19 Webelos Activity Badge Day](#)
- [23 Wilderness First Aid Training \(1 of 4\)](#)
- [19-20 Voyageur Canoe Training #2](#)
- 20 Critter Day at Camp Belzer
- 26-27 COPE/Climbing Activity Day/Weekend
- [30 Wilderness First Aid Training \(2 of 4\)](#)

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.](#)

Council publicly launches More Scouts. More Ways. More Impact. campaign

Dozens of volunteers, Scouts, community leaders, donors and staff turned out on August 6th to officially kick off the public phase of our More Scouts. More Ways. More Impact major gifts campaign at Camp Belzer. At the event, co-chair Charlie Golden explained the need for the campaign and how it will benefit families across all 25 counties. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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

Central Indiana is Blasting Off Into Scouting! As billboards, newspaper articles, yard signs, posters and fliers pop up in your community to promote Scouting, unit leaders should be leveraging this increased visibility to recruit new Scouts-and many unit leaders are coming up with their own creative ways of promoting Scouting!

Many other resources are available at www.BlastOffIntoScouting.org. As we work to recruit 7,500 new boys into the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs this fall, feel free to utilize the resources provided-or create and share your own to express the fun, values and excitement Scouting offers.

Here are some additional steps to ensure you have a successful recruiting season:

1. Every school needs to have a School Night to recruit Cub Scouts.
2. Troops should have a Skills Night inviting Webelos II and prospective new Scouts.
3. Packs, troops and crews should have a peer-to-peer recruiting campaign.
4. Follow up on youth that attended but never signed up.

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.

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!

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.

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:

Fall Class 2009:

1st Weekend is September 12-13

2nd Weekend is September 19-20

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 Safety 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

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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 a 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

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 with 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.

James E West Fellows

Don is a Scoutmaster and Dorothy serves on the committee; they have two sons who are involved in Scouting. They all appreciate what Scouting means to their family. Recently, Don and Dorothy made the decision to become members of the Heritage Society. The Heritage Society is open to anyone who gives an immediate or deferred gift to the Council's Endowment Fund. [Click here to learn more.](#)

From the Scout Shop...

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

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B1183	PAINT CS SWITCHBACK	10	B1189	PAINT CS SWITCHBACK	22
B1184	PAINT CS SWITCHBACK	12	B1190	PAINT CS SWITCHBACK HEFT	32
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