



# **The Fall Creek District Newsletter**

**October 2021**

Providing information to the Fall Creek District Scouts and  
Scouters.

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**Fall Creek District  
Roundtable Thursday,  
October 14th at 7 pm**

Join us for the Fall Creek District Roundtable. It's a great way to meet other leaders in our district and learn some new skills to take back to your unit. After a short general meeting session, we have a separate break-out session for Scouts BSA and Cub Scout leaders.

### **Cub Scout BreakOut Topic**

Giving Thanks (Traditional and BSA) preparation for  
Leader

### **Scouts BSA Breakout Topic**

Service Opportunities

Please encourage all leaders involved with your outdoor committees or activity planning to attend.

**NOTE The October Roundtable will be held  
at Calvary Christian Fellowship. 79 S. 700 W.  
Greenfield, IN 46140. Located at the intersection  
of US 40 (Washington Street) and 700 W.**

## Zoom info

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81062162936?pwd=eXBQa1FvazJGU2J0VUJZZkg2OU0rZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 6216 2936

Passcode: 160

The next Fall Creek District Roundtable will be on  
Thursday, November 11th at the Golden Burke Scout  
Center

To be added to the Fall Creek District Roundtable distribution list, complete this [form](#). You will be added to an email reminder that is sent one week before and the day of a District Roundtable meeting.

If you have trouble accessing the link, contact District Executive Dave Elser [delser@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:delser@crossroadsbsa.org)

**Jonathan Serf - Our New Fall Creek  
District Executive!**



My name is Jonathan Serf and I am joining your District as one of your new District Executives! Even though I am new to the Fall Creek District, I am not a stranger to Scouting! I have been involved in Boy Scouts since I was in first grade and progressed through the program to be honored to receive the Eagle Rank in the White River District (formerly known as Golden Eagle District). During that time, I also was a part of the Order of the Arrow and

Firecrafter Organizations during that time. I am a recent graduate from Ball State University where I studied Economics with a minor in Political Science. I am so excited to be able to work with you all and be able to continue growing scouting in the Fall Creek District!

## **Our Newest Eagle Scouts!**

Please help me in congratulating the district's newest Eagle Scouts!



(From left to right)

Corey P. Troop 133

William D. Troop 233

Jack F. Troop 133

Charlie P. Troop 276

Tra'ell S. Troop 276

Ryan D. Troop 293

Well done Scouts! Welcome to the club.

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## **A Catholic Scout Retreat**

Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 9 am to 4:15 pm

at Catalyst Catholic's FamJam

Mount St. Francis Center for Spirituality in Southern  
Indiana

101 St Anthony Dr, Mt. St. Francis, IN 47146

- *For more information or to register contact  
Karen Harbeson at [harbesonk@gmail.com](mailto:harbesonk@gmail.com) or  
502-648-3032 or visit <https://www.ccsindy.net/>.*

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## **Scouts Being Active**

**Troop 133 – Sept 17-19, 2021 –**

## Mystery History, Trail of Courage



We camped at Tippecanoe River State Park. It was a “Mystery History” campout, so very few scouts knew what history was being covered. The mystery was fun to theorize about beforehand, and I don't think anyone minded not knowing too much. The troop visited the Fulton County Historical Society museum with lots of old items and oddities. The troop attended the Trail of Courage festival, which is a big event where lots of Native American and colonial actors set up shops and



build shelters from that time period and culture. All scouts were given a worksheet to fill out for the Indian Lore merit badge. There were many market tents, where people wearing mostly colonial clothing sold items, such as pocket watches, colonial hats, and knives. Activities included canoeing, tomahawk throwing, and candle making. Foods sold included buffalo burgers, chicken noodle soup, and apple dumplings. At one point, some people in old British army clothing fired a real cannon into the river. There was a stage near where most of the food was sold, and on it, there were many different songs and dances performed from that time period, from multiple different cultures. At the campsite, there was an iron chef competition, and everyone cooked dinner with dutch ovens. 23 scouts and 9 adults attended. The camping was pretty good, and the festival was fantastic. It was a good campout, that everyone

seemed to enjoy quite a bit.



If you would like to share photos from a troop or pack activity, send an email telling us what you did to

[FallCreekDistrict@gmail.com](mailto:FallCreekDistrict@gmail.com)

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## Scouts Being Active

**Pack 200/282 – Sept 14, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup>**

## Annual Bike Rodeo



This was the fifth annual bike rodeo for Pack 200, and the third joint bike rodeo for Pack 282. In past years, the bike rodeo was held in the Holt House parking lot. This year, it was relocated to the Allisonville parking lot, which is much more spacious and better. Each year, cub scouts show up to the bike rodeo with all sorts of wheeled transport, although mostly bikes. There were about 40 scouts and 20 adults who attended. There were skill courses, such as

a slalom curve and a coasting distance challenge.

There was also a bike course with traffic signs to heed, troop scouts as pedestrians and obstacles, along with a station for making license plates, a bike repair station, a popcorn booth, and a photo booth for scouts in uniform. Bike Safety items were loaned by the Riley/IU Bike Safety Program. And to top things off, everyone was served popsicles at the end.



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# Order of the Arrow - Wapsuchuppecatt (WAP) Chapter



Several of our Fall Creek District scouts earned Vigil Honor, the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow on a scout or scouter.

Please help me in congratulating these scouts.

From left to right: Ryan W. T686, Davide S. T153,  
Robert D. T276.

## **2022 Philmont Treks - Adventurers Needed**

Our District has 2 Philmont treks scheduled for next summer (2022). We have some additional openings to help fill out the crews. We are below the 8-person minimum for a crew.

- Troop 446: 7-day trek, July 21-27 (roughly July 19-29 with travel)
- Troop 335: 12-day trek, June 13-25 (roughly Jun 11-27 with travel)

If you have Scouts or Scouters who would like to be part of an awesome scouting adventure, please contact the Scoutmasters of one of these two treks.

For more information:

T446 - Steve Hentz [steve.hentz@gmail.com](mailto:steve.hentz@gmail.com)

T335 - Bill Harmon [bill@mordtech.com](mailto:bill@mordtech.com)

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## **Crossroads of America Response to Covid-19**

For more information about how our council is managing scouting during this time, please visit the following link.

[Our Council's Response to COVID-19](#)

This site has information and guidelines about council events, summer camp, advancement, and unit meetings.

## **University of Scouting - November 13, 2021**



Register now for this year's University of Scouting on Saturday, November 13 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Carmel High School's Freshmen Center. This is the



premier training event for adult volunteers. To register, visit [www.cacin.us/21-uofs](http://www.cacin.us/21-uofs)

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## **Fall Creek District Contact Information**

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Senior District Executive - [Dave Elser](#)

District Executive - [Jonathan Serf](#)

Fall Creek District Chair - [Gerald Frazier](#)

Fall Creek District Commissioner - [Mark Arenz](#)

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