Monon District

Crossroads of America Council

Monon Express - March 2022 Edition

Check out the latest from the Lange Innovation Center!

Greetings from Camp Belzer!

Construction on our Lawrence property continues, as the new 9,700 square-foot maintenance facility is now complete and in this 2 minute video, you'll see the Skip & Alex Lange Innovation Center taking shape!

The Lange Innovation Center will serve as the front door to Scouting and be the top field trip destination to all in central Indiana.

This video offers just a taste of the adventures that will follow, with many more updates to come this spring and summer!

Feel free to share, and thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OA Spring Fellowship -
Camp Krietenstein
Friday 03-18-2022 6:30 PM ET to
Sunday 03-20-2022 12:00 PM ET

This event is a Lodge Fellowship event so we will be playing various games and competitions. Be sure to **invite a friend** even if they are **NOT** a member of the Order of the Arrow and bring your A-game as the Chapters will be competing against one another!

Also, a Brotherhood ceremony will be offered at this event if you would like to seal your membership.

Please make checks payable to CAC and put code OA 079 on memo line of check.

https://scoutingevent.com/160-...

March Fitness Fair - Saturday 03-19-2022 10:00 AM ET to 12:00 PM ET

Enjoy some healthy family fun at Camp Belzer where we will have a variety of activitiy stations to get you moving and try something new!

- Basketball
- Backyard Bass
- Archery
- and more!

Event starts at 10am and ends at 12pm. All famlies are welcome to bring thier lunch to enjoy on Camp Belzer after the event.

Recommended ages 6+

$15/family.

$12/Scouting familiy that registers early.

Register: https://scoutingevent.com/160-...

District Pinewood Derby - Monday, March 26, 2022
Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the **Jill Perelman Pavillion,** 3000 W 116th St, Carmel

8:00 AM Check-in and weigh-in

9:00 AM Racing begins

Top 4 finishers from each Monon pack's unit derby qualify to race in Championship Class. All others are encouraged to compete in our fun but competitive Open Class. All entries must adhere to the Monon District Pinewood Derby car build specifications.

Awards will be presented for fastest cars in each class and Best in Show car design. All entrants will receive participation prizes.

Food and drink concession items will be available.
Register **https://scoutingevent.com/160-...**

Wood Badge Adult Leader Training - April 8-10 & April 23-24, 2022
(See below for info)

April 28, 2022 – Monon Volunteer Recognition Event

The Monon District recognition event will be held in person on April 28, 2022 at Camp Belzer. Gathering: 6:30PM Program Begins: 7:00PM Registration is requested and a dessert will be served. Register HERE: https://www.scoutingevent.com/...

- Monon District Adult Recognition Event – Flyer 2022
- Monon District Adult Awards Guide
- Help Us Recognize Your Unit as 100% Trained
- Unit Worksheet for Adult Award Nominations

Metro Section Spring Camporee - Monday, April 22-24, 2022

The 2022 Metro Section Spring Camporee for Monon, Pathfinder, and Fall Creek districts will be hosted the weekend of April 22-24. The exciting camporee will be hosted by Monon Troop 358 at Ransburg Scout Reservation.

Unit leaders, mark your calendars today. If you have any questions, please contact tcochief@jaccostownelodge.org

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District Recognition Event - Monday, April 28, 2022

https://scoutingevent.com/160-...

Scouting for Food - Monday, April 30, 2022

2022 OA Ordeal - Friday 04-29-2022 6:30 PM ET to Sunday 05-01-2022 12:00 PM ET
Central Tribe Ordeal - Camp Belzer
https://scoutingevent.com/160-...

Other Events being planned for 2022 to stay on the lookout for:

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- Spring Fishing Day
- Carmel Mayor Reception to Support Scouting

- Noblesville Mayor Reception to Support Scouting
- Adult Pinewood Derby Race – sponsored by Sun King

WOOD BADGE ADULT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

April 8-10 and April 23-24, 2022

The object of a Wood Badge course is to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. Five days in duration, the course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory. Participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and professional Scouters, and along the way have a great deal of fun.

Upon successful completion of all course requirements, each participant receives a certificate and the Wood Badge-two wooden beads to be worn around the neck on a leather thong. Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be a peak experience in their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively affected millions of America's youth.

Early Bird pricing ends soon! Sign up today!

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

Monon Merit Badge University 2022 will be held on March 11-12, 2022 at Carmel High School Freshman Center. Registration will open at the beginning of **February**.

This year MBU will be held on March 11-12, 2022 with 3 Merit Badge Sessions:

Session 1- March 11, Friday 6:30pm-10pm

Session 2- March 12 Saturday 8:30am- Noon,

Lunch: Noon – 1pm

Session 3 March 12 Saturday 1:00pm- 4:30pm

Signup:
https://scoutingevent.com/160-MononMBU2022

Class Catalog:
https://scoutingevent.com/exec...
Event Flyer
https://scoutingevent.com/exec...

TRAINING

Please take a moment to confirm your email address on the my.scouting.org website. Click on the photo icon at the top right of the main screen and select My Profile. Having your email address on your account allows the system to remind you ahead of time to update your YPT training which is only good for a two-year period.

Upcoming February Trainings:
Merit Badge Counselor: 2/3 7 pmhttps://scoutingevent.com/160-

2022MBCtraining
Wilderness First Aid: 2/12-2/13https://scoutingevent.com/160-WFA2022

MONON DISTRICT RECOGNITION EVENT

Camp Belzer
Thursday 04-28-2022 7:00 PM ET to 9:00 PM ET

This event, similar to last year, will be a coffee and dessert reception with a livestream option. It is an opportunity to recognize the many accomplishments of our adult volunteers and units. Recent Eagle and Summit Rank recipients are invited guests.

Livestream attendance still requires registration. We are offering beverage and dessert curbside service at Belzer from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm so you can enjoy the event refreshments from your remote location.

Thank you for supporting the great work being done in our district by our dedicated volunteers and for providing the means to show our appreciation for the positive difference they are making in the lives of young people today.

2022 Monon Adult Award Nomination Form
2022 Monon Adult Awards Guide

CAMPOREES

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EAGLE PROJECTS

Scouts needing "Council or District" project approval (my signature) to send me an email. I ask them to attach a scanned copy of the second section of their Eagle project workbook (PROPOSAL: contacts page through signature page) to the email. I need to be the last signature. At present, project approvals are Zoom meetings

Ted Taylor - Monon Eagle Coordinator - (M) 317-966-1301

mononeaglecoordinator@gmail.com

EAGLE BOARDS of REVIEW

A schedule for our 2022 Eagle Boards-of-Review (EBOR) is attached. EBOR have been face-to-face since October and alternate between NFUMC and Second Presbyterian Church.

Typically, seven rooms are needed each month (on the third Thursday) for Eagle Scout Boards-of-Review (EBOR). On rare occasions, ten rooms are needed. EBOR are scheduled to begin at 7PM and at 8PM and typically last 45 minutes. I arrive at 6PM. Volunteers arrive at 6:40PM. Scouts and family arrive at 6:45PM or 7:45 PM. Each room should offer privacy, have a table and at least 5 chairs. I need a place to check-in participants. A place for family and friends to wait is also needed.

If any adult wishes to serve on an EBOR, please send me an email and I'll add you to the mailing list.

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SCHEDULE

APR 21, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Noblesville First United Methodist Church

MAY 19, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Second Presbyterian Church

JUN 16, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Noblesville First United Methodist Church

JUL 21, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Second Presbyterian Church

AUG 18, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Noblesville First United Methodist Church

SEP 15, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Second Presbyterian Church

OCT 20, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Noblesville First United Methodist Church

NOV 17, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Second Presbyterian Church

DEC 15, 2022, THU 6 – 9pm
Noblesville First United Methodist Church

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MONON DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

Pinewood Derby season is almost here! to be exact. As you design and craft your slick little racing machines, make sure you are following the Monon District Pinewood Derby Car Specifications for your Pack's race to ensure that you will be eligible to advance to the district competition. These car build standards must be followed in order for cars to quality for either the championship or open class race at the Monon District event.

Details on the 2022 Monon District Pinewood Derby will be shared in the very near future.

Good luck, racers!I

Official Pinewood Derby Rules

The pinewood derby is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouting. The pinewood derby car kit includes the wood to make your car, four axles, and four tires. Your car must be made from this kit to qualify for racing.

Please feel free to give guidance and minimal assistance to your Scout as they build their car. This is a chance for your child to be part of a team (them and you), to enjoy the spirit of friendly competition with their peers, and to experience the satisfaction of building their own car from the kit provided.

Our goal with the pinewood derby is that each participant will learn:

- *Sportsmanship – caring about their competitors*
- *Honesty - the ability to follow rules*
- *Craftsmanship – the skill necessary to build a car (do your best!)*

Have Fun And Be A Good Sport!

All entrants must be registered and go through inspection before the green flag is waved on race day. Late arrivals to registration and inspection will only be allowed to run in the open heats after the race. Below are the rules for building the car:

Rule #1: All cars are to be built from the official pinewood derby kit available at the Scout Shop.

Rule #2: All cars must be constructed during the current year. Cars determined to be from a previous year's race will not be eligible.

Rule #3: All cars must pass a pre-race inspection and the decision of the race officials shall be final in determining eligibility. Specifications are detailed below.

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Length, Width and Clearance

- The maximum overall width of the car, including wheels and axles, shall not exceed 2¾ inches.
- The minimum width between the wheels shall be 1¾ inches so the car will clear the center guides on the track.
- The minimum clearance between the bottom of the car and the track surface shall be 3/8 inch so the car will clear the center guide strip on the track.
- The maximum overall length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
- The wheelbase (distance between the front and rear axles) may not be changed from the kit body distance of 4¼ inches.

Weight and Appearance

- The total weight of the car shall not exceed 5 ounces. The reading of the official scale will be considered final. The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of wood or metal only, provided the material is securely built into the body or firmly affixed to it. No liquids or loose materials of any kind are permitted in or on the car.
- ***DO NOT put weights on the bottom of the car.*** This may interfere with the car traveling down the track and cause clearance issues with the center rail.
- Details such as steering wheel, driver, spoiler, decals, painting, and interior details are permissible if these details do not exceed the maximum length, width, or weight specifications. Lego drivers should always wear proper safety gear and seatbelts!
- Cars with wet paint will not be accepted.

Body, Wheels and Axles

- Scouts must use the block of wood provided in the official pinewood derby car kit. Pre-made and pre-cut bodies are not allowed.
- Axles and wheels shall be only official, unmodified, BSA approved wheels.
- Wheels may be lightly sanded to smooth out molding imperfections on the tread area. This light sanding is the only modification allowed. Beveling, tapering, thinning, or lathe turning of the wheels is prohibited.
- Axles may not be altered in any way except for polishing and removing burrs.
- Wheel bearings, washers, bushings, and hub caps are prohibited.
- The car shall not ride on any type of springs.
- The car must be freewheeling, with no starting device or other type of propulsion

Lubrication

- Only graphite or powdered Teflon "white lube" will be allowed for lubricating the wheels and axles.
- No liquid or gel lubrication is allowed.
- Lubrication is messy! Any lubrication must be applied prior to

registration.

Ground Rules and Competition

- The Championship Race is open to all Cub Scouts registered in the Monon District who finished in the top four of their Pack's Pinewood Derby.
- Each scout may enter only one car in the competition.
- The car must have been built during the current year (the school year in which the Derby is held). Cars that have competed in a previous year's Pinewood Derby are not permitted.
- During the race, if a car jumps the track, the heat will be run again. If the same car jumps the track a second time, that car will automatically lose that heat.
- If a car leaves its lane and interferes with another car, the heat will be run again. Cars will run in the same lanes as the original heat. If the same car leaves its lane a second time and interferes with another car, the interfering car will automatically lose that heat.
- If a car becomes damaged during a heat and can be repaired in a reasonable amount of time (as determined by the race officials), the heat will be run again. If the damaged car cannot be repaired, the results of the heat will stand.
- If a damaged car interferes with another car, the heat will be re-run regardless of whether the damaged car can be repaired or not.
- All disputes or questions regarding the rules will be resolved by the race officials. Any dispute over the decisions of the race officials will be resolved by a District Committee Member, whose decision is considered final.
- Please Remember: The Cub Scout Motto, "Do Your Best", also applies to the adult leaders who strive to run a fun and fair race.

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TROOP HAPPENINGS

Troop 180 - Northern Tier

*Troop 180 is going to **Northern Tier** from July 8 - July 15th, 2022. We have 6 spots available for scouts from other troops (or adults, but we have enough adults going to cover). If interested, contact Eric Sampson at **ecsamps@gmail.com**.*

ORDER OF THE ARROW

2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) - 7/25/2022-7/30/2022, University of Tennessee -**Info and Registration**

For more information or to register for any lodge event, visit the **OA Member**

Portal.

2022 National Ordeals - Various Dates
https://scoutingevent.com/160-...

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

2021 Community Partner Activity Schedule

For more information and links to register for events, please visit
(Para más información y enlaces para registrarse en los eventos, visite)
www.crossroadsbsa.org/activities/community/

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Monster Energy Supercross Championship – SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 19, 2022
This is an exciting, racing sport with specialized high performance off-road motorcycles. See the best riders in the world fly over triples and go bar to bar racing towards a championship.
** More information is coming in early 2022.

Lucas Oil Stadium – 500 S Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225

Monster Jam – SAVE THE DATE
April 9-10, 2022
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Merit Badge and Advancement Activities

Throughout the year, the council will provide several merit badge and rank advancement opportunities for Scouts BSA youth and Cub Scouts. Many of these are offered in conjunction with Community Partners such as the Indiana State Museum and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, to name a couple.

Merit Badge Sundays at Fort Harrison State Park

Various Dates / 1:00pm 2022 class schedule

Join Dylan Allison, the interpretive naturalist, for merit badge classes during the months March – October.

Advance registration is required. The cost is $10/Scout, payable at the park entrance. The fee does include the park entrance, however, if you have an annual park pass $7 is NOT subtracted. Register by emailing Dylan Allison

*Please note, Scouts cannot be dropped off and left unattended with park staff. Parents/guardians must remain with their Scouts at all times throughout the duration of the program.

Fort Harrison State Park: 6000 N Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216 (Classes are held at the Visitor Center)

Be a part of the
Crossroads Air Show
October 28-29, 2023
Indianapolis Regional Airport

Scouts, Families, and all Hoosiers are welcome to engage with the Crossroads of America Council for the 2023 Crossroads Air Show!

Volunteer roles range from logistics to guest services, social functions, and much more!

To learn more, join us on **Tuesday, April 19th at 7 p.m.** at:
Camp Belzer
6102 Boy Scout Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46226
RSVP by clicking here

Join Our Mailing List!

Upcoming Volunteer Meetings:

Monday, August 1 at 7 p.m. at Camp Belzer
Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at Camp Belzer
Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m. at Camp Belzer
Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m. at Camp Belzer

CONNECT

Scouting's Barriers to Abuse apply in cyberspace. There should be no one-on-one online or digital activities (games, social media, etc.) or electronic communications with youth. Leaders should include or copy a parent or another leader in all online communications, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media or other forms of online or digital communication.

In the State of Indiana, it is the responsibility of any individual who witnesses or suspects abuse and/or neglect to make a report to the Indiana Department of Child Services by calling 1-800-800-5556. After you have filed your report, call Jay Stoecker, Director of Support Service, 317-813-7124, so that we can take any additional precautions in order to ensure the safety of all youth in Scouting. https://www.in.gov/dcs/contact-us/child-abuse-and-neglect-hotline/

Social Media

*Monon District Scouting Units Facebook **group**.*
*Council Scouting Units Facebook **group**.*
*Monon District Facebook **Page**.*
*Round Table Facebook **Group***
Fishers Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Units ***Page.***

District Website

https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/districts/monon/

Ideas or feedback for The Newsletter or even the website?

If you have ideas for the newsletter, please reach out to Jeff White. He would be glad to hear from you.

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