

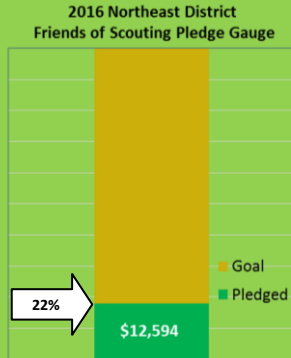


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- Jan 16, 2016  
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#### **In the Next 60 Days**

- Feb 17, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
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- Feb 29, 2016  
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- Mar 15, 2016  
[Adult Firecrafter Nomination](#)

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The **Northeast District Planning Conference** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 23, 2016** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **Camp Belzer Activity Center**. During this session, we will finalize our main objectives/goals for the Northeast District for 2016. All members of the District Committee and Unit Key 3 Leaders (Charter Organization Representatives, Committee Chairpersons and Cubmasters/Scoutmasters/Venture Crew Advisors/Ship Leaders) are requested to attend. Others with an interest in Scouting in the Northeast District are also welcome!

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This Scout Memorabilia collector’s “dream show” (the largest in the country) will be held in the **DuPont Pavilion** at the **Indiana State Fairgrounds** on **Friday, February 5, 2016 from 4:00 to 9:30 PM** and **Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. All sorts of Scouting Memorabilia will be for sale at over 190 tables manned by over 30 Scout Memorabilia dealers from 16 states. They will bring rare Firecrafter and Order of the Arrow materials, Council Shoulder Patches, Handbooks, Camp Patches and Pins, Jamboree Materials and Insignia, as well as Cub Scout, Boy and Girl Scout and Explorer Stuff to Indianapolis for this show.

In addition, like the Antique Road Show, there will be qualified Scout Memorabilia Experts on hand to answer questions and appraise your prized Scout stuff...just bring it in. Also, a Collections Merit Badge Counselor will be available for Scouts either wanting to start Collections Merit Badge, or needing to see a Counselor to sign-off on completed requirements.

Admission to this show will be \$2.00; Scouts in uniform are admitted free of charge. For additional information please contact [sjames@archindy.org](mailto:sjames@archindy.org), or call 317- 695-9604.

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This year’s event has **recently been rescheduled** to **Thursday, February 11, 2016** from **6:30 to 8:30 PM** at the **Camp Belzer Activity Center**. Cost for this year’s event is \$13.00 per adult (\$18 after February 3rd); cost of each 2015 Eagle Scout is \$5.00 (\$10 after February 3rd). On line [registration](#) closes on **February 8th** at 11:45PM. Don’t delay...log-on and register to attend our District Awards Dinner!

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***The Northeast District Monthly Gazette?***

Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

well do you know the process to get Eagle Service Projects reviewed and approved in the Northeast District? Do you know what advice you should provide to Eagle candidates as they prepare for their Eagle Board of Reviews?

The **EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT** is probably one of the most difficult, but rewarding requirements for the rank of Eagle. This project must provide the Life Scout (e.g., the Eagle candidate) with the opportunity to demonstrate leadership of others and provide service to a worthy institution other than the Boy Scouts. Before work on the Eagle Scout Service Project can begin, the Project Concept must be documented on [BSA form 512-927](#) and submitted for approval to the Northeast District Eagle Processing Chair, Mr. Jim Imel. Scouts must call (317-823-8103) or [email](#) Mr. Imel before bringing their Project Concept for review at a monthly Round Table or prior to the monthly Eagle Board of Reviews on the first Sunday of the month (check the Northeast District [calendar](#) for more information). **NO WALK-INS!** Remember, that the Eagle Scout Service Project Concept must be signed by four specific people (the Eagle Scout candidate, the community organization representative who will be the recipient of the Service Project, the Unit Leader [Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor], and the Unit Committee Chair) **BEFORE** it can be submitted for District approval.

After the Eagle Scout Service Project has been completed and written up, the next major milestone will be to prepare for and complete the **EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW**. Preparing for this milestone requires that the Eagle Scout candidate prepare and submit the Eagle Rank Application Binder (½" to 1" thick), marked on the outside with the Eagle Candidate's name, Troop # and District. This binder must contain the following:

- Completed 2014 printing of the Eagle Rank Application ([BSA Form 512-728](#)) with all required signatures. The Unit is responsible for checking the accuracy of all dates.
- Completed 2012 printing of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook ([BSA form 512-927](#)) with all required signatures
- A Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose.
- A list of leadership positions held, honors and awards received, as well as school and extracurricular activities. If the Troop uses TroopMaster, please include a complete Individual Activity Report as well.
- The Eagle Candidate is required to request input from three of the six references identified on the Eagle Rank Application. These references should be mailed to Crossroads of America Council, Northeast District Advancement Committee, (Eagle Candidate's name), 7125 Fall Creek Road North, Indianapolis, IN 46256-3167 on the Council's [Eagle Candidate Form](#). The Eagle candidate should request these references with enough lead time so that they can arrive at the Golden-Burke Scout Center several days before the Board of Review.

The completed Eagle Rank Application Binder must be received and approved at the Golden-Burke Scout Service Center (Eagle Facilitator) no later than the **15th OF THE MONTH PRIOR** to the Scout's Eagle Board of Review. The Eagle Candidate must get a receipt for the binder (no drop-offs). The Service Center will keep the approved binders and notify the District Eagle Processing Chair. The District Eagle Processing Chair will then contact the Scout to confirm the date for his Northeast District Eagle Board of Review. It is helpful, but not required, for the Scout to bring a second or third copy of his Eagle binder to the Board of Review, and it is highly recommended that only copies of merit badge cards, advancement cards, or certificates be included in the binder. The only original documents that must be in the binder are the Eagle Rank Application and the Eagle Leadership Project Workbook with the required original signatures.

Eagle Boards of Review are held at Golden-Burke Scout Center (7125 Fall Creek Road North) at 4:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month except July (subject to change for holidays). It is highly suggested, but not required, that the Eagle candidate be in full Class A uniform. They should wear their merit badge sash. They must have their Scout Handbook. The Scoutmaster, or a designated Scouter, must come and introduce the Scout to the Board of Review. An Eagle Board of Review is allowed to review any aspect of the Scout's experience including, but not

limited to, the Eagle Project, the Oath, the Law, the Outdoor Code, parts of the badge, knots, leadership experiences, Scout Spirit, etc.

For more detailed information, check out the Crossroads of America Council's [Eagle Scout Resources](#) webpage and download a copy of the [revised PDF Eagle Scout Project & Board of Review Schedule](#) for the Northeast District. For more information, contact [Mr. Jim Imel](#).

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If you interested in high adventure backpacking, whitewater rafting or rock climbing then [Daniel Boone High Adventure Scout Camp](#) located south of Asheville, NC is the single place for you! A leader in high adventure programming for over 30 years, Camp Daniel Boone's Harrison Outpost is the premier council-operated destination for older Scouts, Explorers, and Venture crews in the country. Amazingly, this hidden gem is located less than an 8-hour drive (ca. 450-miles) from Indianapolis! What makes this destination unique is the variety of staff-guided high adventure offerings that are available. Let's take a closer look at some of their high adventure offerings.

### BACKPACKING TREKS

Backpacking treks are Daniel Boone's flagship of their High Adventure program. Located in western North Carolina, this program has over a million acres of National Forest land available that they may utilize for various recreational adventures. The US Forest Service limits group size to 10 (9 participants plus a guide). With so many options available, troops will never have to participate in the same trek twice. Here is a short description of treks offered:

- The **Shining Rock Wilderness Trek** is a four day backpacking trek through this magnificent wilderness. The trek hikes out of base camp and proceeds to ascend towards Cold Mountain, Shining Rock, or an old railroad camp in the mountains. The next three days are spent hiking to various locations in and around the wilderness visiting grassy balds with breath taking views, and playing in cool, clear mountain rivers and waterfalls.
- The **Cold Mountain/Art Loeb Trek** is a four day hike through Pisgah National Forest and Shining Rock Wilderness along the Art Loeb Trail. The trail is approximately 30.1 miles in length and famous for its rugged climbs and pristine views from atop the Eastern United States. There is an option to add whitewater rafting of the Nantahala River at the end of this trek.
- The **Linville Gorge Trek** is a three to four day backpacking experience hiking in and out of the "Grand Canyon of North Carolina" (Linville Gorge). If the weather is good and the group would like to have the option to climb in Linville Gorge Monday or Thursday, as well as go rafting on Friday.
- **Joyce Kilmer/Slickrock Creek Wilderness Trek** offers a four to five day trek through the wilderness along the Tennessee/North Carolina border south of the Great Smokey Mountains. This is one of the more desired treks by our staff, as this trek will provide participants with a rare opportunity to visit a virgin forest with massive old growth trees.
- The **Bartram Trail** covers 115.4 miles through North Carolina and Georgia. Several trip options ranging in various distances with several peak ascents are offered. This trip offers an opportunity to witness multiple unique ecosystems daily as the trail meanders through a variety of elevation plateaus in north Georgia and western North Carolina. Groups have the option to raft the Nantahala or French Broad on Friday. Group size is limited to 12 for this trek.

- The **Panthertown Trek** is another four to five day trek, but is probably the most relaxing of all backpacking options. This trek offers tons of waterfalls and rivers and a somewhat easier terrain. We invite those wishing to have a more leisurely week in the forest with short hikes, tons of fishing, playing in numerous waterfalls, and even relaxing on a sand beach to inquire about this special location. Group size is limited to 12 for this trek
- The **Middle Prong Wilderness Trek** is known for what it DOES NOT offer: NO designated campsites, NO blazed or well-maintained trails or NO established picnic spots. The one sought-after amenity it does offer—almost without fail—is solitude.

### ROCK SCHOOL

No other Scout camp in the country offers a climbing program similar to Daniel Boone SC. Five days of rock climbing and camping at various crags all over western North Carolina. Some of the area crags may include: Looking Glass, Rumbling Bald, Ship Rock, Snakes Den, or any of the numerous climbing areas in Linville Gorge. Rock School group size is limited to 10; due to the level of physical and mental maturity required with rock climbing, we ask that all participants be at least 14 years old.

### WATER TREKS

The Whitewater Trek offers Scouts and Scouters a great weeklong experience of **whitewater rafting** fun on some of the finest waters in the Southeast United States. The schedule provides a nice gradual increase in river intensity as the week progresses. From base camp, participants will have access to Class II rapids on the Nantahala River, Class II-III rapids on the French Broad River, Class III-IV rapids on the Upper Pigeon River, Class III and IV rapids on the Ocoee Middle Section and Class IV-V rapids on the Chattaga River.

Daniel Boone also offers a **five day river kayaking trek** which will allow a Scout to earn the Whitewater Merit Badge while enjoying the serenity of the Nantahala National Forest. Scouts will eat, drink, and sleep kayaking for the week while camping in the Nantahala Gorge the entire week. There must be a minimum of 6 participants per week to run the trek. Groups will have access to bathrooms, showers, and a kitchen while staying in the gorge. The camp also offers a weeklong trek focused on **lake kayaking basics** and eco-engagement.

### TOTAL ADVENTURE

Looking for variety? Daniel Boone also offers the Total Adventure which combines two days of fly fishing, one day of mountain biking, one day of zip lines and one day of White Water Rafting. Group size is limited to 10.

For more information on either the highlighted options or some of the other high adventure options, it is highly recommended that you download a copy of the [Camp Daniel Boone Leader Guide](#). For information on cost and how to sign-up, download a copy of the [Camp Daniel Boone Registration Form](#).

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STEM Scouts was developed by the Boy Scouts of America to reach girls and boys in elementary, middle and high school with creative, age-appropriate activities to help instill science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), while at the same time leveraging the same Scout Oath and Law as the rest of Scouting. As part of a lab (similar to a pack, troop, crew, this is the STEM Scouts operational unit that is chartered by the BSA), STEM Scouts will interact with professionals in weekly hands-on lab sessions and discover new things in a fast-

paced, thought-provoking, and fun way. The program features four to six-week learning modules including: lab experiments in forensics, robotics, circuitry, chemistry and more.

- Elementary STEM Scouts will tinker and explore through unique hands-on activities in weekly lab meetings and monthly field trips. They will do this while working with others, leading teams, communicating results and working with professionals who are already in STEM careers.
- Middle school students will dive deeper into wonder as they see the world through a microscope, a telescope or a computer.
- High school students will take their study of STEM topics to a new tier as they engage through practical experiments and independent study. STEM Scouts will empower imaginations and teach youth new skills—all while growing their work to a more developed level.

Currently, Crossroads of America Council, BSA, has established more than a dozen provisional labs in the Indianapolis area. There are even elementary and middle school provisional labs right here in the Northeast District at McKenzie Center for Innovation and Technology. These were introduced to generate program interest, but once a lab meets minimum requirements (sponsored by a charter organization, has at least one adult lab manager and two associate adult lab managers, and has at least five registered members), they will officially become a chartered lab.

So where can someone learn more, or perhaps get involved? Visit the STEM Scout [website](#) or contact Crossroads of America Council STEM Scout Executives [Zach White](#) (317) 813-7084 or [Bethany Thomas](#) (317) 813-7081 for more information.

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Do you know which Scouts in your unit can potentially be elected for membership in OA? All youth members of, or candidates for youth membership in, the Order of the Arrow must be under 18-years of age and shall meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank (or above) of the Boy Scouts of America.
- After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15-days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The 15-days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
- Scout candidates **MUST** be certified as meeting these requirements prior to the election.

Adults that meet the same requirements (except for age and rank) may also be nominated for membership in OA by adult leadership within the unit. The unit may nominate 1 adult candidate for every 3 youth that are elected for membership, as well as the Scoutmaster, if the Scoutmaster has served for a minimum of 12-months.

It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to certify that all proposed candidates for OA must adhere to the Scout Oath and Law, actively participates in unit activities, and meets age and rank requirements (as described above) **prior** to being put up for election. Once the unit election has been completed, the results of the Scout election must be recorded on the appropriate [form](#) and turned into the Jaccos Towne Lodge by **February 28, 2016** for

verification. Adult nominations should also be recorded on the appropriate [form](#) and also submitted on the same timeline. This will allow OA candidates to be called out during the April 22-24, 2016 Northeast District Spring Camporee. Please contact [Dee Baskerville](#) or [Randy Baskerville](#) for more information.

## **The NED Outdoor Experience Exchange – Pokagon State Park**

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**WHERE:** [Pokagon State Park](#) is located approximately 170 miles northeast of Indianapolis off of I-69 in Angola, Indiana (450 Lane 100 Lake James). Visiting this state park during spring, summer or fall will find plenty of opportunities in the 1,203 acres of woods and shoreline for boating, swimming and fishing on either Lake James or Snow Lake (which both adjoin the park). However, visiting this state park in winter is particularly interesting, as it offers the state's only toboggan run, as well as cross-country skiing on groomed trails, ice skating, and ice fishing available on Lake James – all weather permitting (at your own risk).

**WHEN:** Pokagon State Park is open year round, but the toboggan run only operates weekends from the Friday after Thanksgiving through February, with extended holiday hours, weather permitting. The toboggan is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is suggested that you call 260-833-2012 for an update before going.

**COST:** Camping at this state park, like all others, requires an ADVANCE RESERVATION. Also note, that unless equipped with an annual pass, each vehicle entering the park will have to pay an entrance fee. To book tent camping in their group site, use their website, or call 260-833-2012; you should also call for more information on the current availability and costs associated with any of the highlighted winter activities before going.

Tell us about your outing to Pokagon State Park by posting on the [Northeast District Facebook](#) page!

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