



# The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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"All the News...That Is News...for Pack, Troop, Crew & Ship Leadership in the Northeast District"

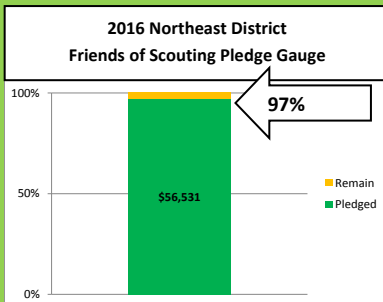
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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



## In the Next 30 Days

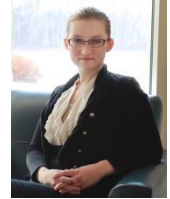
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- Aug 3, 2016 (7:00 PM)

## Welcome Laura Clay - New Northeast District Executive

It's official! Laura Clay is now "on the ground" here in the Northeast District as our new District Executive. Read on to learn more about her.

*I am pleased and excited to continue my Scouting journey in the Northeast district!*

*I have worked for two years in the Wabash Valley, and have so much enjoyed getting to know volunteers, youth, and community members in that area.*



*Despite having worked in Terre Haute for two years, I am originally from Greenwood, and attended Center Grove Schools. I graduated from Butler in December 2013 with a degree in Arts Administration, and began working for Scouts straight from college. As a youth, I participated in many activities, including 4-H, Girl Scouts, and orchestra.*

*I look forward to meeting with each unit over the next few months to learn more about you! Though I will be reaching out separately, please feel free to reach out to set up a meeting.*

Yours in Scouting,  
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Northeast District Executive  
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## Plans Have Been Finalized - Don't Miss Out on Den Chief Training

Last month you were provided with a heads-up that plans were in the works for Northeast District Den Chief Training session. As mentioned earlier, for a Troop to obtain Gold status on the Webelos-to-Scout Transition category requires them to provide at least one fully-trained Den Chief to a pack and recruit at least five Webelos Scouts.

Plans for our **Den Chief Training** session have now been finalized. The class will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on **Saturday, August 20, 2016** in the **Wilmeth Room at the Golden-Burke Scout Center**. The cost for the class will be \$5 which will cover pizza delivered for lunch. Please have each Scout coming for Den Chief Training [sign-up on-line](#) by **Monday, August 8, 2016** and bring \$5 (exact change please) to the session. We are looking forward to an interactive Den Chief Training session. If you have any questions, please contact [Jon Guimont](#).

## Northeast District Round Tables Begin Again in August

We hope that every Northeast District Scouting unit had at least one opportunity this summer to have some Scouting fun, either in the form of a week at summer camp and/or a high adventure trip. We'd love to hear about your summer adventures! Please send [Mike Chambers](#) a quick e-mail describing your summer adventures...we'd like to feature your adventure in a future issue of **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette!**

With Scouts preparing to return to school, it's time to re-initiate our monthly **Northeast District Round Tables**. Please join us at **Camp Belzer** for our August Round Tables on **Wednesday, August 10, 2016 between 7:00 and 8:30 PM**. A draft agenda will be sent out as a **Northeast District News Flash** as we get closer to our Round Tables.

## NED Committee Mtg

- Aug 4, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Aug 7, 2016 (3:30 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Aug 10, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables

## In the Next 60 Days

- Aug 17, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Aug 20, 2016 (9 AM – 2 PM)  
[Den Chief Training](#)
- Aug 25, 2016  
Cub Scout Sign-up Night
- Aug 28, 2016 (8 AM- 7 PM)  
[Outdoor Leader Skills Training](#)
- Aug 28, 2016  
Initial Popcorn Order Due  
[On-line](#)
- Sep 1, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Sep 6, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)  
[First Aid Training](#)
- Sep 7, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Sep 11, 2016 (3:30 PM)  
NED Eagle BoRs
- Sep 14, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables

## In the Next 90 Days

- Sep 17, 2016  
Popcorn Sales Begin!
- Sep 17-21, 2016  
Popcorn Sales Blitz Days
- Sep 21, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Sep 21, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Committee Mtg
- Sep 30-Oct 2, 2016  
NED Fall Camporee
- Sep 30, 2016 (by 5 PM)  
Submit Popcorn Sales Blitz Day  
Prize Order form to Council
- Oct 2, 2016 (3:30 PM)

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## Popcorn Sales Are Just Around the Corner (Part 1 of 3)

Yes, it's only July 15th, and many of you have your summer camp and, if you were lucky, a high adventure outing to the likes of Northern Tier, The Summit, Sea Base or Philmont behind you. Scouts and parents are now turning their attention to going back to school. With all that going on, **NOW IS THE TIME** to begin your planning for your upcoming unit popcorn sales. So what can you do to help your unit Popcorn Kernel?

A successful unit Popcorn Kernel does not work alone! He/she will need one to two other adults to help with your unit's popcorn sales activities. The Popcorn Kernel will also work closely with the unit committee to develop a unit sales goal that can be allocated to each scout in the unit. I believe that successful entrepreneur Sam Walton said it best "High expectations are the key to everything."

Once a goal is established, the Popcorn Kernel (and the unit) should formulate a popcorn sales plan that includes making good use of the five methods of selling popcorn: "Show and Sell", "Show and Deliver", On-line, Corporate Sales and "Take Orders." It will also be important for the Popcorn Kernel to communicate the timeline of when all order forms and popcorn monies will be due to the Popcorn Kernel. Please note that the detailed timeline for this year's popcorn sale is available in the [June 2016 issue](#) of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*.

While this may sound daunting, your unit Popcorn Kernel is not alone! The Northeast District Popcorn Team is here to assist your unit so that you can have successful popcorn sales. If you have questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact either [Jenny Mondy](#) or [Michael Welling](#) who are serving as your Northeast District Popcorn Team!

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## Sign-up Now for BSA Basecamp at Indiana State Fair 2016

As announced in last month's issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*, Crossroads of America Council, BSA, needs your help! Details have now been finalized regarding staffing of the **Boy Scout Basecamp** at the **Indiana State Fair** during the Fair's run (**Friday, August 5, 2016 to Sunday, August 21, 2016**). If you (and other members of your family) or members of your unit can help spread the excitement of Scouting, the council needs your help!

Volunteer shifts to staff BSA Basecamp at the Indiana State Fair will be six hours in length and will be involved with set up or teardown of Basecamp, as well as for staffing various stations during your assigned shift. Those who volunteer for a shift greater than two days before your selected shift you will receive a complementary Indiana State Fair admission ticket that will be mailed to the address provided during registration. Those who sign-up within two-days of their selected shift will be responsible for their own admission to the Indiana State Fair. A confirmation email will be sent to the email provided during registration, two days prior to your registered

Please sign-up [on-line](#) for a shift and help spread the great news of Scouting. Should you be unable to fulfill your volunteer obligation, please find another volunteer to fill your role and update your registration accordingly. Questions about this opportunity should be sent to [Cara Wagner](#). Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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## Recruiting Ongoing for Two Northeast District Venture Crews

Do you know a young man or woman ages 14-20 who would benefit from actively participating in a Venturing Crew? If your answer is YES, then there are two opportunities right here in the Northeast District that should be followed-up on.

#### NED Eagle BoRs

- Oct 3, 2016 (6:00–9:00 PM)  
[CPR/AED Training](#)
- Oct 4, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM)  
[First Aid Training](#)
- Oct 5, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 6, 2016 (7:00-8:00 PM)  
[MB Counselor Training](#)
- Oct 12, 2016 (7:00 PM)  
NED Roundtables
- October 15, 2016  
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#### Who Can I Contact

*Do you have feedback on the current issue?*

*Do you have ideas for news items in a future issue of*

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

Contact: [Mike Chambers](#)

The first is with Crew 317, chartered by Lawrence United Methodist Church. While this Crew's focus has traditionally been shooting sports, they are equally known for their cooking and service to the Northeast District and the community at large. **Crew 317** will be hosting an **Open House** on **July 16, 2016 from 5 – 9 PM** at **Lawrence United Methodist Church** located at 5200 N. Shadeland Avenue. Contact [Kevin Spangler](#) if you need further information.

The second is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a future Venture Crew that is in the process of chartering for the first time. As soon as minimum youth enrollment numbers are hit, this future crew will operate out of Camp Belzer with a focus on communications, specifically ham radio [WD9BSA](#). Contact [Tom O'Nan](#) if you need further information.

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## Is Your Unit Prepared for our Fall Recruiting Blitz?

Hopefully your Pack was present for the Launch into Scouting Rally held earlier this month. If not, hopefully your unit has made arrangements to pick-up your customized Fall Recruiting materials! If the answer to either/both of these questions are YES, then there are only a couple of more things that you will need to do NOW for a successful Fall Recruiting night!

1. Connect with the Principal at your Elementary School to confirm the arrangements for your participation in their back-to-school night. Be sure to connect with Laura Clay (our go-getting new DE!) to confirm the dates for your events and boy talks.
2. Confirm that you have enough Pack adult volunteers to staff your sign-up table during the back-to-school night. Nothing is worse than being overwhelmed with parents who all want to sign-up their son(s) at the same time.
3. Reach out to the Troop(s) that your Pack typically feeds and ask for additional Scout/Scout Leader participation. It is a good idea to ask the Scouts to engage the future Cub Scouts with fun activities while their parents are completing their new Cub Scout (and hopefully Adult Leader) applications and paying their sign-up fees.
4. Now is also the time to schedule and plan the agenda for a New Parent Orientation session for your unit that should occur shortly after the Fall Recruiting night.
5. Check out this great [internet site](#) for additional marketing ideas and resources for your own social media blitz. Have your parents post pro-scouting photos, articles, and videos to pass the word about this amazing program to their friends.
6. Look over this [internet site](#) to learn more about the Lions program. It is available this year for your pack.
7. Save the date! Plan now to attend the **Northeast District Round Table** on **August 10, 2016** at **Camp Belzer** to pick up your rockets for new scouts.

Taking these actions now should help make for a smooth and successful Fall Recruiting night! If you have any questions about the upcoming Fall Recruiting sign-up night, please contact either member of your Northeast District Membership Team, [Terry Prather](#) or [Jay German](#).

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## Need Outdoor Leader Skills Training? Mark Your Calendar Now!

Boy Scouts of America uses the principle of two-deep leadership for a number of reasons; this includes making sure that all leaders have the training required for their respective position(s). From a monthly outdoor event perspective, this means that your unit needs adults who have completed Outdoor Leader Skills training in order to go on any camping trip or other outdoor outings.

If your unit needs more leaders who have completed this offering, then you are in luck! Your Northeast District Training Team will offer this day-long **Outdoor Leader Skills training** on **Saturday, August 27, 2016 beginning at 8:00 AM** at **Camp Belzer**. So that we may plan for this event, please [sign-up on-line](#). Please note that our current plans are to charge \$12.00 per participant to cover course materials, as well as a light breakfast, lunch, dinner! If you have any

questions, please contact [Jon Guimont](#). Further details will be forthcoming...stay tuned.

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## The NED Outdoor Experience Exchange – Mega Cavern Plus

Are you are looking for an exotic lock-in option for a cold weather outing that is only a two-hour drive away? Are you interested in potentially combining dirt biking, zip lining and climbing in a single event? If you are, then you are in luck! Thanks to Northeast District Troop 133, we have the low-down on the outing that they took earlier this year to Louisville, KY.

**WHERE:** Troop 133 took advantage of two unique offerings in Louisville, KY for their January lock-in. On Saturday morning they drove to Louisville, KY and road dirt bikes at the Mega Cavern facility, followed by all-night climbing at Climb Nulu. They returned to Indianapolis early Sunday morning.

**WHAT:** The [Louisville Mega Cavern](#) facility under downtown Louisville is a unique setting. The Mega Cavern is approximately 100 acres in size and was mined from the early 1930's to the early 1970's. It is actually under all 10 lanes of the Watterson Expressway (I-264)! In addition to the [dirt bike riding](#), the Mega Cavern also offers underground [zip lining](#). After the Troop's activities at the Louisville Mega Cavern, they went to [Climb Nulu](#), an indoor rock climbing facility for the night.

**WHEN:** Both the Louisville Mega Cavern and Climb Nulu are open year round, but are an ideal combo if you want to offer a unique winter time lock-in.

**COST:** Please refer to the [Louisville Mega Cavern](#) and [Climb Nulu](#) websites for details on costs. You may also contact the Louisville Mega Cavern by calling them direct at (877) 614-6342 or via e-mail at <mailto:group.sales@louisvillemegacavern.com>; Climb Nulu can also be contacted by telephone by calling (502) 540-0072 or via e-mail at [info@climbnulu.com](mailto:info@climbnulu.com).

Tell us about your outing to the Louisville Megacavern and/or Climb Nulu by posting on the [Northeast District Facebook](#) page!

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