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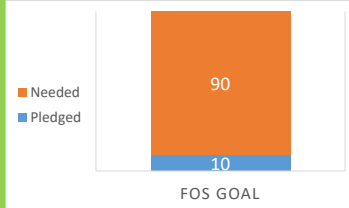
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Jan 18, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED 2016 Planning – Part 2
- Jan 19, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg
- Jan 20-22, 2017
OA Winter Gathering
- Jan 21, 2017
[Eagle Award Nomination Due](#)
- Jan 28, 2017
[Great CPC Chili Cook-Off](#)
- Feb 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Feb 3-4, 2017
[Crossroads Trade-O-Ree](#)

Recapping 2016 and Looking Forward in the Northeast District

It's hard to believe, but 2016 is now history! Both around the world and locally we saw plenty of highlights (and low lights). The Northeast District of Crossroads of America Council is no different. During the year, with your help, we once again reached Journey to Excellence Gold status as a district and recorded the following accomplishments:



- The Northeast District registered 1,376 youth and 559 adult members in the Scouting movement in northeastern Marion and western Hancock Counties.
- 40 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews and a Sea Scout ship have chartered with youth-interested organizations in the district.
- 100% of our Cub Scout units attended a Cub Scout Day Camp or Webelos Camp.
- 100% of our Boy Scout units attended a long-term summer camp or a BSA High Adventure (Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, The Summit, and others).
- 35 district youth earned Scouting's highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 812 rank advancements were earned by our district youth.
- Scouts participated in community service projects at the pack, troop and crew levels. A total of 8,713 community service hours were recorded.
- Both popcorn and camp card sales set new records for total sales in the Northeast District in 2016.
- Finally, during the annual Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign, the Northeast District brought in nearly \$63,144 to support Scouting activities in Crossroads of America Council.

Plans are currently in development to deliver another outstanding year for our district in 2017. Key milestones to place on your calendar for the year include:

- The annual **Friends of Scouting Campaign** has kicked off, with 10% of our district goal being raised during the Governor's (Vice-President Elect's) Luncheon in December. Please work with your District FOS chair, Wally Bruner to schedule a unit FOS presentation at your next Blue and Gold Banquet, Court of Honor or other large unit gathering.
- Plan to attend the **Northeast District Awards Dinner** to be held at Camp Belzer on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 (see article in this issue of **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette**).
- **Camp card sales** within your units will begin on March 1, 2017 and can continue through April 15, 2017. Take advantage of this great opportunity for Scouts to earn money to help fund their Scouting adventure.
- The **Northeast District Pinewood Derby** will once again be held at Ed Martin Honda on North Shadeland Avenue on April 8, 2017. We hope to see everyone there as the best cars from each Pack in the District go head-to-head.
- The **Northeast District Spring Camporee** is set for April 21-23, 2017 at Summit Lake State Park.
- Once again this year, we will be targeting a single **Cub Scout Sign-up Night** in August after students have returned from their summer break (exact date TBD). We are looking forward to the active participation of all packs in the district.
- In September and October (exact dates to be determined) units will once again be able to earn funds through **popcorn sales**.
- The **Northeast District Fall Camporee** is set for October 27-29, 2017 (exact location TBD).

- Feb 8, 2017
NED Awards Banquet

- Feb 10, 2017
[Camp Card Orders Due](#)

- Feb 11, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House

- Feb 12, 2017
Scout Sunday

- Feb 12, 2017
NED Eagle BoRs (4:00 PM)

- Feb 15, 2017
NED Commissioners Mtg

In the Next 60 Days

- Feb 16, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg

- Mar 1, 2017
[Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Due](#)

- Mar 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg

- Mar 1, 2017
[Camp Card Sales Begin](#)

- Mar 3-5, 2017
[Marlinspike Training](#)

- Mar 5, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs

- Mar 8, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables

- Mar 11, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House

- Mar 15, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg

In the Next 90 Days

- Mar 16, 2017
Firecrafter/OA Chapter Mtg

- Mar 17-18, 2017
Wilderness First Aid

- Mar 17-19, 2017
OA Spring Fellowship

- Mar 18, 2017
Scoutmaster Specific Trng

- Mar 27-31, 2017
[Spring Break MB Camp](#)

- Apr 2, 2017 (4:00 PM)

As you can see 2017 is shaping up to be another outstanding year. If you have questions, please contact [Steve Creason](#), [Terry Fulner](#) or [Laura Clay](#).

Northeast Recognition Dinner – Sign-Up Deadline Is Approaching!

The annual **Northeast District Awards Dinner** will be held at the **Camp Belzer Activity Center** on **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**. We will gather at **6:00 PM**, dinner will begin at 6:30 PM, and the recognition program will follow. ALL Scouters, parents, and leaders involved in Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams and Ships in the Northeast District are invited and encouraged to attend.



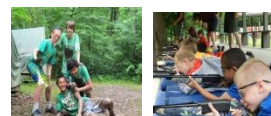
We will celebrate the 2016 accomplishments of the Northeast District, honor our units, and individual Scouters for outstanding service, and recognize our 2016 Eagle Scouts, all over a delicious dinner and excellent fellowship.

Please [pre-register on-line](#) by **Wednesday, February 1, 2017** to help your Recognition Dinner Team plan accordingly. Pre-registration costs are \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per youth under 10 and \$5.00 per 2016 Eagle Scout; registrations after the deadline will cost \$20.00 per person. If you have questions, please contact [Laura Clay](#).

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Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Due March 1, 2017

You have not overslept...it is only mid-January but NOW is a key time to begin planning for Summer Camp for your unit. Our council has done everything possible to keep the cost of summer camp as low as possible, but it is recognized that some boys may be challenged to finance their entire stay. As a result, Crossroads of America Council offers a camp scholarship program where recipients (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and/or Venture Scouts) can be awarded up to 50% of the early summer camp fee in exchange for performing an age-appropriate service project.



To be considered, [camp scholarship applications](#) must be submitted by **March 1, 2017** to be considered for the full value of the award. Requests submitted after March 1st will still be eligible to receive a reduced level of support. Contact the council camping office by phone at (317) 813-7067 or by [email](#) for more information.

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Fund Raising Made Easy...Camp Cards Returning for 2017!

Camp Cards have been offered in Crossroads of America Council, BSA since 2014, when over 27,000 cards were sold. This annual fund raising effort has grown each year, with over 43,000 cards sold in 2016.



This year, **Camp Card sales** will run from **Wednesday, March 1 through Friday, April 14, 2017**. As in past years, participating units may elect to sell Camp Cards for the entire sales period or only for a unit designated shorter time frame within the sales period. As in past years, the Camp Card will again be offered for sale at a retail cost of only \$5.00 per card, with unit/scout salesperson receiving a 50% commission on each card sold. Funds earned from these Camp Card sales may be used to purchase equipment such as tents and backpacks as well as paying for camp fees.

Featured on this year's Camp Cards are two one-time tear-off discounts (DICK'S Sporting Goods - \$10.00 off \$50 purchase, expires 8/13/2017 and The Escape Room- \$5.00 off each ticket for room reservation, expires 8/31/17). Additionally, there are two featured repeat use discount offers (Papa John's Pizza - 40% off Any Online Order and Tuchman Cleaners - 15% off Dry Cleaning Only – both expire 12/31/17)

NED Eagle BoRs

- Apr 5, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Apr 8, 2017 (8:30 AM)
NED Pinewood Derby
- Apr 8, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- Apr 12, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Apr 15, 2017
BSA "Early Bird" #1 Due

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](#)

Key Dates for Camp Card Sales follow:

- **February 10, 2017** **Deadline to place initial unit Camp Card order (to have available by March 1, 2017)**
- February 20-28, 2017 Camp Cards distributed at council service centers and through District Executives
- **March 1, 2017** **Camp Card Sale Begins**
- **April 14, 2017** **Camp Card Sale Ends**
- April 15-30, 2017 Units collect all cards and money from Scouts and parents
- May 1, 2017 Full payment / excess cards due to council service center

This is a great opportunity for Scouts to once again earn money to help pay their own way to summer camp, or to save for that high adventure outing in the future! Based on use of the one-time tear-off discounts alone, the purchaser could see more than double their money back in savings, making this an item that should make for an easy sale! More details can be found on the council [Camp Card web page](#), or you may contact [Laura Clay](#).

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24th Annual Boy Scout Trade-o-Ree Coming Up

Have you been looking for that missing BSA patch for your collection, or have that special patch appraised by qualified scout memorabilia experts? If the answer to either is YES, then we have just the event for you. The **24th Annual Crossroads of America Boy Scout Memorabilia Auction and Trade-o-Ree** will be held in the **Harvest Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds** on **Friday, February 3, 2017 from 4:00 PM until 9:30 PM** and **Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Come on out and browse over 190 tables filled with all sorts of Scouting Memorabilia, including Firecrafter, Order of the Arrow, council shoulder patches, jamboree materials, rare camp patches and pins, and handbooks, among other stuff offered by over 40 Scout memorabilia dealers from 15 states.



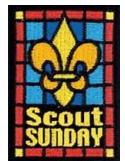
Admission is only \$2.00 per person...Scouts in uniform are admitted free. For additional information contact us at: Sjames@archindy.org or 317- 695-9604.

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Scout Sunday Approaching – What Is Your Unit Doing?

The twelfth point of the Boy Scout Law says that a Scout is reverent. Every year, the Boy Scouts of America designates a single Sunday in February as **Scout Sunday**. This year, the official observance date is **Sunday, February 12, 2017**.

For units chartered by religious organizations, it is suggested that unit leadership identify if this date will be an appropriate time to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.



Regardless of when Scout Sunday is celebrated, we strongly urge everyone to actively participate in this important observance!

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Training Spotlight - Wilderness First Aid Training Available

The **Guide to Safe Scouting** “strongly recommends that participants avail themselves of CPR with automatic external defibrillator (AED) training, along with first-aid” training to conduct monthly Troop, Crew or Ship activities. However, this recommendation can very quickly become a requirement if your unit is planning a high adventure trip.



In fact, Northern Tier requires that “At least one adult advisor must have proof (completion certificate) of BSA approved Wilderness First Aid (WFA) training. Minimum WFA course length is 16-hours.” So, you might ask...where can I obtain this hard to find WFA training?

You’re in luck this year, as Crossroads of America Council, BSA will offer three separate 16-hour courses and one opportunity to re-certify if you have already obtained your WFA certification. The planned dates and locations are as follows:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Saturday, Feb 4, 2017	WFA Re-Cert	Golden Burke Scout Center
Friday-Saturday, Mar 17-18, 2017	WFA Course # 1	Ransburg Scout Reservation
Friday-Saturday, Apr 7-8, 2017	WFA Course # 2	Ransburg Scout Reservation
Friday-Saturday, Sep 22-23, 2017	WFA Course # 3	Ransburg Scout Reservation

WFA Re-Certification Course: The pre-requisites for this course include that each participant have a current (or very recently expired) WFA certification card, as well as a valid adult CPR/AED certificate in their possession. Both certificates must be presented at the beginning of this session. This course will begin promptly at 8:00 AM and will end approximately at 5:00 PM. The cost for this course is \$65.00 which covers course materials, certificate, snacks and lunch.

WFA Courses: The pre-requisites for any of these sessions include that each participant have a valid adult CPR/AED certificate. This certificate must be presented at the beginning of the first class session. These courses will begin promptly at 7:00 PM on Friday and will conclude no earlier than 5:00 PM on Saturday. You must attend the entire course for certification. The cost for any of these courses is \$125.00 which covers course materials, certificate, snacks, meals and cabin facilities.

We hope that all adult leaders consider either re-certifying or taking their First Aid skills to the next level by attending one of these planned sessions. Do you have questions? Contact our District Executive, [Laura Clay](#) for answers.

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BSA Advancement Spotlight - Merit Badge Offerings in 2017?

As Scouts progress toward the rank of Eagle, Merit Badges play a bigger and bigger role in advancement. While most merit badges are earned by the Scout working with an individual Merit Badge Counselor, there are a number of opportunities to participate in group Merit Badge classes in 2017. The table below provides details for the classes that have been scheduled as of this writing:



DATE	TIME	MERIT BADGE OFFERING	LOCATION	COST
Feb 11	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Citizenship in the Nation	Benjamin Harrison Home	\$20.00
Feb 12	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Soil and Water Conservation	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Mar 13	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Environmental Science	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Mar 18	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Citizenship in the Nation	Benjamin Harrison Home	\$20.00
Mar 28-31	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Spring Break MB Camp	Golden-Burke Scout Center	TBD
Apr 9	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Mammal Study	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Apr 15	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Citizenship in the Nation	Benjamin Harrison Home	\$20.00
May 13	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Citizenship in the Nation	Benjamin Harrison Home	\$20.00
May 21	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Bird Study	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Summer	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Baden Powell MB Camp	Camp Belzer	TBD
Jun 4	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Fishing	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Jun 9	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Insect Study	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Aug 27	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Amphibian Study	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Sep 10	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Plant Science	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Oct 8	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Forestry	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00

Nov 5 or 11	8:00 AM - 9:30 PM	Central Indiana Merit Badge "Eagle Academy"	Greenfield, Indiana	TBD
Nov 12	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Nature	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00
Dec 20	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Fish and Wildlife Management	Fort Harrison State Park	\$10.00

We hope that Scouts will take advantage of these merit badge offerings!

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Mountain Man Breakfast

They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Today's NED Recipe Exchange will share a simple set of directions for creating a Dutch oven delight - **Mountain Man Breakfast** - that is sure to please! This month's recipe is shared courtesy of Gary Duncan from Northeast District's Troop 276.



INGREDIENTS (for each Dutch Oven):

16 eggs
 2-pounds sausage
 1-bag frozen tater tots
 1/2 to whole onion (depending on taste for onion)
 8-ounce cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Pre-heat Dutch oven on camp stove or over charcoal. Dice onion. Crack eggs in bowl and beat with fork. In pre-heated Dutch oven, sweat the onions. Add in sausage and brown. If want less fat, remove sausage and onion and drain fat. Add sausage and onion back to Dutch oven. Add potatoes and mix in with meat and onion. Add in eggs; pour slowly and try to spread evenly in Dutch oven. Cover. Refresh coals on bottom and add coals to lid. Turn oven 1/4 every 5-minutes or so. Should take 20-30 minutes to heat potatoes and cook eggs. Try not to peek, but may need to check if cooking to slow or too fast. When the eggs and potatoes are ready, spread cheese over top of mixture in Dutch oven. Cook for five or so minutes until cheese melts. Take off heat and serve.

Serves 6 adults or 8 scouts. 8-adults or 10-scouts if serving with a side.

Do you have a favorite recipe that you are known for and are willing to share? Please send your recipes to [Mike Chambers](#) for sharing via future issues of ***The Northeast District Monthly Gazette***.

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