



The Northeast District Monthly Gazette

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Nov 27, 2017
Soles4Souls Collections End
- Dec 3, 2017 (4:00 PM)
NED Eagle BoRs
- Dec 9, 2017 (1-7 PM)
WD9BSA Open House
- Dec 13, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Business Mtg./Potluck Dinner
- Dec 13, 2017 (7:00 PM)
NED Commissioners Mtg

In the Next 60 Days

- Dec 16, 2017 (9:00 AM)
Breakfast with Santa
- Dec 18, 2017 (12:00 PM)
[Governor's Luncheon](#)
- Jan 6, 2018
Firecrafter Mid-Winter Dinner
- Jan 10, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Round Tables
- Jan 10, 2018 (7:00 PM)

22nd Governor's Luncheon for Scouting Approaching

The twenty-second **Annual Governor's Luncheon** is just around the corner. It will be held at the **JW Marriott** in downtown Indianapolis on **Monday, December 18, 2017** from **12:00 PM to 1:30 PM**. As in past years, this will serve as the kick-off of the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. If you are available, please join other Friends of Scouting and help kick-off this critical fund raising campaign. Without the FOS campaign, the character development programs, camps and training we enjoy would not be available for the more than 31,000 youth and 7,600 adult volunteers we serve.

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Northeast District Fall Camporee A Big Success

The Northeast District Fall Camporee was held at Kikthawenund Adventure Camp over the October 27-29, 2017 week-end. The camporee theme was focused on giving Webelos a chance to experience Boy Scouting. Despite rather chilly temperatures, there was plenty of fun to be had!



Attending this camporee were Webelos from Pack 444, Pack 488, Pack 200, and Pack 831. Troops who participated in this camporee were Troop 275, Troop 133, Troop 157 and Troop 446.

Troop 446 was recognized as the best overall at this camporee, while Troop 133 was recognized with a couple of awards. You won't want to miss the Northeast District Spring Camporee...it is scheduled for the April 20-22, 2018 week-end at Camp Wildwood. Please mark your calendar, as it's sure to be a blast!

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NED Nomination Deadline for District Recognitions Approaching

Yes, the year is closing fast...Thanksgiving dinner, Black Friday, Christmas morning and New Year's eve will be here in a blink of an eye. While the deadline to complete nomination forms for deserving Northeast District volunteers and units is still the January 2018 Round Tables, now would be a perfect time to

**SUBMIT A
NOMINATION**

NED Commissioners Mtg

- Jan 13, 2018 (8 AM – 5 PM)
University of Scouting

In the Next 90 Days

- Jan 19-21, 2018
OA Winter Gathering
- Feb 2-3, 2018
Council Trade-O-Ree
- Feb 7, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Recognition Dinner
- Feb 11, 2018
Scout Sunday Observation
- Feb 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg

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](#)

sit down and complete those online nomination forms. The line-up of potential recognitions include:

- [Cubmaster of the Year](#)
- [Scoutmaster of the Year](#)
- [Crew/Ship/Team Advisor of the Year](#)
- [Pack of the Year](#)
- [Troop of the Year](#)
- [Crew/Ship/Team of the Year](#)
- [Golden Spike Awards](#) (one nomination per unit)
- [District Award of Merit](#)

Please take time now to access the respective online nomination form, complete it, and **NOMINATE YOUR UNIT/LEADERS** for doing the splendid job for which they are famous. Nominations will be due no later than **January 10, 2018** at the Northeast District Round Tables, with presentations of these recognitions during the February 2018 District Dinner. Contact [Laura Clay](#) if you have any questions.

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University of Scouting Will Be Here Soon – Register Now!

Have you always wanted to complete that required BSA training, but you can never find that it has been scheduled? Well look no further; the **2018 University of Scouting** will offer many of those seemingly hard-to-find required courses, as well as hundreds of additional learning sessions based on the BSA's nationally recognized Four-Function plan, which includes:



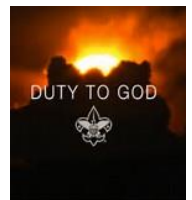
- **Program:** training, camping/outdoor, advancement, and activities/civic service
- **Unit service:** commissioner service
- **Finance:** including marketing
- **Membership and Relationships**

This year's University of Scouting event is scheduled for **Saturday, January 13, 2018** at **Warren Central High School** for a day of learning. The fee for attending the University is \$30. Early bird fee of \$25 applies to all registration payments received online, at any Crossroads office or postmarked on or before January 7, 2018. [Online registration](#) for this wonderful training event is now open.

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Mark Your Calendar - 2nd Duty to God Retreat Dates Set

The second annual [Duty to God Retreat](#) is fast approaching. The Retreat will be held at **Gateway Community Church** located at 7551 Oaklandon Road in Indianapolis. Sessions will be held from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, January 26, 2018** and from **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2018**.



Classes offered during the Duty to God Retreat include:

God & Me	Grades 1 to 3
God & Family	Grades 4 to 5
God & Church*	Grades 6 to 8
God & Life*	Grades 9 to 12

* These classes will require work before or after the retreat to complete all their requirements. Classes designed for youth in Protestant and Independent Christian Churches – Church membership not required

The total cost of this retreat is \$20 per participant. Meals will be provided. To register or get

more information contact "Wild Bill" Jensen via [e-mail](#) or at (317) 537-2256 or (317) 657-2182.

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Scoutmaster Retirement Campout a Big Success!

Over the November 10-12, 2017 week-end, Northeast District's Troop 276 completed an annual tradition...their Trashcan Turkey Camping Trip at Kikthawenund Adventure Camp. In addition to serving over 200 people a fully turkey dinner on Saturday night, the Scouts in attendance also had the opportunity to practice their marksmanship with both .22 rifles as well as shotguns, so you could this week-end was all about slinging lead and baking birds!



What made this campout very special is that it marked the retirement of Dave Hoyt as Scoutmaster. Dave served in that role for over 10 years, seeing 95 young men reach the rank of Eagle Scout under his watch. While not all of Dave's Eagles were able to make it to this event, the photo above shows that many did make it back. This is a testament to the impact that Dave had on the lives of so many young men in this Troop.

Well done Dave Hoyt!

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Need a Christmas Tree? Why Not Support a NED Troop?

With the holiday's approaching, plenty of family fun can be had by decorating around the house. Are you in need of a fresh Christmas tree? If the answer is YES, then please consider supporting one of our own units...Troop 275. Information about their Christmas Tree Sale (provided by Troop 275) is provided below.



Boy Scout Troop 275 – NED (charter organization Faith Presbyterian Church) will set up their annual Christmas Tree Lot on the the west side of the church at 82nd & Hague Road near Castleton. The lot is open evenings 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and weekends from 10:30 am-7:30

pm beginning November 24th until the all the trees have good homes. If you're looking for a gorgeous Fraser fir, Scotch pine, or a Christmas wreath, and want to support our Scouts, join us for some fun! Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kelly Dyer at her cell phone (317-840-5137) or via [e-mail](#)

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Now Is The Time To Begin Looking for a Job at Summer Camp!

Do you know Scouts age 14 and above who are looking for a summer job? If so, then Crossroads of America Council has numerous opportunities for these young men to help others on their Scouting journey by serving as a member of camp staff. Unpaid positions are available at a number of long-term district camps, while paid positions are available at the following Council properties:



- Belzer - Cub Scout Day Camp
- [Kikthawenund - Cub Scout Resident Camp](#)
- [Krietenstein - Boy Scout Resident Camp](#)
- Ransburg - Boy Scout Resident Camp

To qualify for employment at camp, an applicant must be at least 15 years of age at resident camp as a Counselor-in-Training 2 or 14 years of age as a Counselor-in-Training 1 at day camp and have a letter of reference from a Scoutmaster or employer. Efforts are currently underway to fill all slots, so if a Scout is interested, please have them apply Email the Council at camping@crossroadsbsa.org for more information.

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Old Time Beef Stew

With the weather turning cold, thoughts for food usually turn toward warm soups, stews and gumbos. Here's a recipe for **Old Time Beef Stew** that is likely to satisfy the need for something warm in your belly. Takes about 2 ½ hours to prep and cook. Serves 6...scale as needed.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 lbs beef stew meat
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups of water
- 1 tablespoon Worchester Sauce
- 1 clove of garlic, peeled
- 1-2 bay leaves
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon, salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- Dash of allspice or ground cloves
- 3 large carrots, sliced
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

DIRECTIONS:

- Brown meat in hot oil.
- Add water, Worchester Sauce, garlic, bay leaves, onion, salt, paprika and allspice. Cover and simmer 1 ½ hours.
- Remove bay leaves and garlic clove. Add carrots and celery. Cover and cook 30 to

40 minutes longer.

- To thicken gravy, remove 2 cups hot liquid. Using a separate bowl, combine 1/4 cup water and cornstarch until smooth. Mix with a little hot liquid and return mixture to pot. Stir and cook until bubbly.

Enjoy!

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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