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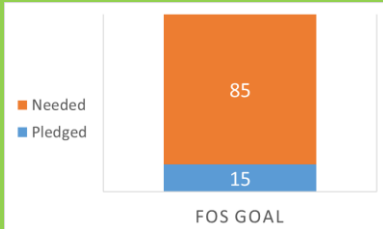
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Jan 19-21, 2018
[OA Winter Gathering](#)
- Jan 26-27, 2018
[Duty to God Retreat](#)
- Feb 2-3, 2018
[Council Trade-O-Ree](#)
- Feb 4, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Feb 7, 2018 (7:00 PM)
[NED Recognition Dinner](#)
- Feb 10, 2018 (8:00 AM)
[2018 Yeti Jump](#)
- Feb 11, 2018

Don't Miss This Year's Northeast District Recognition Dinner

We are less than a month away from the **Northeast District Recognition Dinner**. This event will take place at the **Camp Belzer Activity Center** on **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7, 2018** beginning at **6:30 PM**. In addition to an outstanding meal and fellowship with other volunteers, you will learn which units will be recognized as Pack, Troop, Crew/Ship of the year, who will be recognized as unit leaders of the year, and who will win the Golden Spike awards. Additionally, the Northeast District will recognize our youth who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout during 2017. Finally, we will reveal who will be recognized with the District Award of Merit...the highest volunteer recognition the District can provide.



To attend, please [register on-line](#) prior to **FEBRUARY 2, 2018** at 11:45 PM. The cost for adults who register by the deadline will only be \$15.00 per person, while youth will be charged \$10.00 per person. The cost for Scouts who will be recognized for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is only \$5.00. Late registrations will cost \$20.00 per person. This is shaping up to be a **GREAT EVENT** that you won't want to miss!

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Recapping 2017; Looking Ahead to 2018 for the Northeast District

It's hard to believe, but 2017 was another **GREAT YEAR** for the Northeast District. With your help, we were able to serve 1,412 youth and 529 adult members aligned with 38 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and a Sea Scout Ship. This includes two new units this year (Pack 103 - Meadowlark Apts and Crew 173 - Belzer Amateur Radio Crew). Again, this year, 100% of our Cub Scout Packs attended Cub Scout Day camp or Webelos Adventure camp; 100% of our Boy Scout Troops attended long-term summer camp, high adventure treks, or attended the National Jamboree. You helped Scouts achieve 708 rank advancements, with 41 district youth earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The district also logged 5,171 community service hours, and thanks to your generosity, the Northeast District's Friends of Scouting campaign brought in nearly \$62,500 to support Scouting activities throughout the Crossroads of America Council. Last, but not least, with your help, the Northeast District once again achieved Gold Level in our Journey to Excellence this year!



As we enter 2018, the Northeast District will once again be led by an outstanding group of volunteers. Your Northeast District Key Three for 2018 will be Jon Guimont (District Chairman - succeeding Steve Creason), Kim Wiggins (District Commissioner) and Laura Clay (District Executive). The other members of your leadership team include the following:

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| • Dee Baskerville | • Randall Baskerville | • William Beckman |
| • Wally Bruner | • Joe Carter | • Mike Chambers |
| • Mary Coghill | • Steve Creason | • Marc Duerden |
| • Jennifer Fisher | • Terry Fulner | • Jay German |
| • Jessica Jarrett | • James Joven | • Wild Bill Jensen |
| • Jason Lopez | • Bob Meador | • Leilan McNally |
| • Jenny Mondy | • Jim Patrick | • Anne Phillips |
| • Jack Phillips | • John Pratt | • Tony Steinhardt |
| • Angela Walker | | |

With your help, we will have another outstanding year! Don't hesitate to contact [Jon Guimont](#), [Kim Wiggins](#) or [Laura Clay](#) with questions.

Scout Sunday Observation

- Feb 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg

In the Next 60 Days

- Mar 2-4, 2018
[Marlinspike Skills](#)
- Mar 4, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Mar 7, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Mar 14, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Mar 14, 2018
NED Round Tables
- Mar 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg

In the Next 90 Days

- Mar 16-18, 2018
OA Spring Fellowship
- Apr 4, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Apr 6-8, 2018
[NYLT Spring Weekend #1](#)
- Apr 8, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Apr 11, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Apr 11, 2018
NED Round Tables
- Apr 12-14, 2018
[Wood Badge Spring Weekend #1](#)

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](#)

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A New Year's Resolution for Scouts and Scouters Alike!

OK, it's 2018 already. It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution, or add a high value one that is aligned to one of the Northeast District's Top Five Initiatives for 2018. How about tanking your **SCOUT TRAINING** to the next level...this applies to you or to a Scout in Troop, Crew, Ship or Team!



SCOUT TRAINING OPTION

If you have a SCOUT in a Troop, Crew, Ship or Team that is at least 13 years of age and a First-Class Scout or higher (before the respective course starts), how about encouraging them to take their Scout leadership skills to the next level by successfully completing [National Youth Leader Training](#) (NYLT) during 2018. Regardless of whether they currently hold a significant Scout leadership position in a unit, or they just aspire to hold such a position in the future, they should complete this offering.

NYLT is an action-packed program designed to provide BSA youth members with leadership skills and experience that, if applied back in the participant's home unit, will improve the home unit's performance. During 2018, there are three courses being offered:

- A [Spring Course](#) offered over two week-ends (APRIL 6-8 and APRIL 27-29, 2018)
- A [Summer Course](#) offered over a single week (JUNE 17-23, 2018)
- A [Fall Course](#) offered over two week-ends (SEPT 28-30 and OCT 12-14, 2018)

The cost for NYLT is \$325 per participant. A deposit of \$25 per participant is required to hold a slot; if all fees are paid in full 30-days prior to the course, then an early-bird fee of only \$215 per participant will be required! To attend, register online for the target course at the respective link above

SCOUTER TRAINING OPTIONS

If you are a SCOUTER in a Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Team serving in a direct Scout-contact leader (e.g., Den Leader, Assistant Pack Master, Pack Master, Assistant Scout Master or Scout Master) and have not yet completed your required position-specific training, you should commit to completing this training early in 2018! So, what are the required position-specific training sessions and how do I complete these required course(s)? Check out the details on the [Northeast District Training website](#).

So, you've already completed your required position-specific training. That's GREAT, but there is still a resolution option for you. How about completing Wood Badge this year! Wood Badge is the top adult leadership course offering offered by the Crossroads of America Council. There will be three opportunities this year:

- A [Spring Course](#) offered over two week-ends (APRIL 12-14 and MAY 10-12, 2018)
- A [Summer Course](#) offered over two week-ends (JUNE 10-16, 2018) - *Guest instructors will participate in this one-week leadership experience including Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh, Past National President Wayne Perry, CEO of the Summit Bechtel Reserve Jack Furst and other National Board Members, BSA Executives, Donors and Philanthropists.*
- A [Fall Course](#) offered over two week-ends (SEPT 8-10 and SEPT 29-OCT 1, 2018)

Checkout the [Wood Badge website](#) for more details.

OK...as a SCOUTER you've already completed both of the above resolution options... **CONGRATULATIONS!** However, you are not off the hook when it comes to a New Year's Scout Training Resolution. There are other national BSA training options available to you if you truly want to take your training to the zenith.

How about attending an adult training conference at the [Philmont Training Center](#)? There are over 70 different weeklong learning sessions offered in New Mexico during 2018. You say that you can't make it to New Mexico because you can't leave your family for a week...no problem...Philmont offers programs for your family while you attend your conference!

If you are looking for somewhere closer to Indianapolis, there are also BSA training offerings available at [John D Tickle National Training and Leadership Center](#) at The Summit Bechtel Reserve...a short ~7-hour drive from Indianapolis. The Summit offers 8 different weeklong learning conferences.

Or if you are looking for Scout training in a more exotic location, the Boy Scouts of America has this covered as well with training conferences offered at both [Florida Sea Base Conference Center](#) (8 course offerings) and at [Northern Tier High Adventure Base](#) (4 course offerings — including “brrr” ...Cold Weather Leader Training).

We certainly hope that you will accept our challenge to take your training to the next level. As they say, every Scout deserves a trained leader!

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Order of the Arrow (OA) Crossover Team Needs Your Help!

The Order of the Arrow (OA) Ceremonial Team needs your help. Cub Scout Blue and Golds/Webelos Crossover sessions are rapidly approaching. In order to assure that the OA Ceremonial Team will be able to attend your Webelos Crossover session, please complete the [Ceremonial Team Reservation Request Form](#) (a PDF fillable form) and submit it to <mailto:WAPceremonial@comcast.net>. Questions should be sent to the same e-mail address.



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Summer Camp Deadlines - What, Where and When?

Yes, I know that it's only January, but now is the time to begin thinking warmer thoughts. Can you say Summer Camp? There are multiple upcoming deadlines related to Summer Camp attendance and they vary depending on whether you are talking about Cub Scout Day Camp, Webelos Adventure Camp, or Boy Scout Summer Camp. Hopefully, this article will help to clarify these multitude of upcoming deadlines.



Cub Scout Day Camp

The cost for a Cub Scout to attend a weeklong Day Camp Session at Camp Belzer this year is \$150 per Scout (if paid on or before **MAY 1, 2018**), \$175 if paid in full between **MAY 2** and **JUNE 1, 2018**, or \$190 if paid after **JUNE 2, 2018**. In order for a unit to attend any of Camp Belzer's Cub Scout Day Camps, a \$50 non-refundable deposit per Scout is due by **MARCH 1, 2018**. This deposit will be applied towards the final fees due. When the deposit is submitted, the unit must provide a Scout's name and rank for each spot, but this can be used for another Scout from your Pack if the original Scout cannot attend. To register online, please visit the council's [website](#).

Webelos Adventure Camp

The total cost for a Webelo Scout to attend the three-day Adventure Camp Session at Camp Kikthawenund is \$185 in council (\$210 out of council) if paid on or before **MAY 1, 2018**, or \$210 in council (\$235 out of council) if paid between **MAY 2** and **JUNE 1, 2018**, or \$225 in council (\$250 out of council) if paid in full after **JUNE 1, 2018**. In order for a unit to attend any of Camp Kikthawenund's Webelo Adventure Camp Sessions, a \$50 non-refundable deposit per Scout is due by **MARCH 1, 2018**. This deposit will be applied towards the final fees due. When the deposit is submitted, the unit must provide a Scout's name and rank

for each spot, but this can be used for another Scout from your Pack if the original Scout cannot attend. To register online please visit the council's [website](#).

Boy Scout Summer Camp

IMPORTANT...THIS WRITE-UP CONTAINS NEW DEADLINES FOR TROOP PAYMENTS!

In order for a Troop to attend Summer Camp at either [Ransburg Scout Reservation](#) or [Camp Krietenstein](#), a \$150 non-refundable deposit is due when the camp site reservation is submitted. Additionally, a \$50 non-refundable deposit per scout is due by **FEBRUARY 15, 2018**. The total cost for a Boy Scout to attend a weeklong session at either Ransburg Scout Reservation or Camp Krietenstein is \$290 in council (\$315 out of council) if paid on or before **APRIL 15, 2018**, or \$310 in council (\$335 out of council) if paid between **APRIL 16** and **MAY 15, 2018**, or \$330 in council (\$355 out of council) if paid in full after **MAY 16, 2018**. To register for summer camp at Ransburg Scout Reservation, visit the council's [website](#); to register for summer camp at Camp Krietenstein visit the council's [website](#).

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Need Summer Camp Funds...Camp Cards to the Rescue!

OK..popcorn sales went pretty good last year, but there are still youth in your units that need to add funds so that they can attend Summer Camp this year. No problem...Crossroads of America Council will again offer Camp Cards as another "sales" opportunity for units between **MARCH 1 - APRIL 13, 2018**.



This year's Camp Card Program is bigger and better. Last year, there were only 8 money saving offers on each card, which was sold for \$5.00. This year, there are 20 money saving offers on each card, with each card going for only \$10.00. The money saving opportunities are being offered by the following vendors:

- Papa John's Pizza
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- The Escape Room
- Jiffy Lube
- Discount Tire
- White Castle
- McAlister's
- Smoothie King
- Prime Car Wash
- 1-800-flowers.com
- Dunkin Donuts
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The good news is that while the card has increased in price, the unit commission will still be 50%, doubling to \$5.00 per card! So how does a unit get started? Crossroads of America Council is accepting initial orders or Camp Cards online between **JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 9, 2018**. Camp Card pick-up will occur at Golden Burke Scout Center on **FEBRUARY 26-27, 2018**. Camp Cards may be sold between **MARCH 1 - APRIL 13, 2018**.

For more information on this opportunity, please visit the council's [Camp Card website](#).

Happy Selling!

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No Scout Left Behind — Camp Scholarships Available

So, your unit has a Scout who will likely need financial help to attend Summer Camp despite last year's Popcorn Sales and this year's Camp Card Sales. Never fear, Crossroads of America Council does not want finances alone to be a reason why a Scout cannot attend Summer Camp. As in past years, the council has **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS** available. These scholarships can cover up to 50% of the early-bird summer camp fee in exchange for performing an age-appropriate service project.



Applications for "full-value" scholarship consideration are due into Golden Burke Scout Center by **MARCH 1, 2018**. Requests after this date will still be eligible to receive a reduced

level of support (as long as funds are available). Download the application [here](#). For more information, contact the council camping office by phone at 317-813-7067 or by [e-mail](#).

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The NED Recipe Exchange – Hearty SPAM® Breakfast Skillet

This month we have selected a recipe that reminded the author of a past Northeast District Camporee, more appropriately called a SPAM®oree (every event had something to do with SPAM®). So here goes...a recipe that uses that “All-American” canned meat...



Prep Time: 30 minutes. Serves 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 12-ounce can of SPAM® Classic julienned
- 1/2 cup chopped bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 2 cups frozen diced or shredded potatoes
- 8 eggs
- 6 drops hot pepper sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS:

1. In large nonstick skillet, cook potatoes, onion and bell pepper in oil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, 5 minutes. Add SPAM® Classic; cook and stir 5 minutes longer
2. In small bowl, combine eggs, basil, salt, black pepper and hot sauce; blend well. Pour over mixture in skillet; cover.
3. Cook over medium-low heat 8 to 12 minutes or until set. Sprinkle with cheese.
4. Eat and 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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