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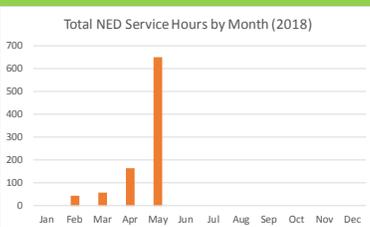
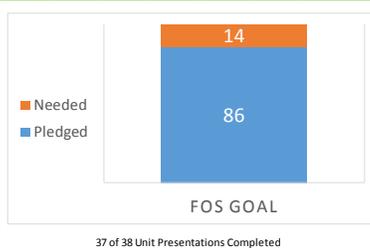
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Northeast DE Leaving Crossroads of America Council

We have a big change coming up in the Northeast District. Laura Clay will be joining the Western Los Angeles County Council (WLACC) of the Boy Scouts of America on July 1, 2018 as a District Director in that council, serving as staff coordinator for the Venturing Officer’s Association, as well as Family Scouting. Laura has been a huge asset to our district and has greatly contributed to our success over the past few years.



Please join the District Committee in wishing Laura all the best as she takes on her new Scouting position. Moving forward, the council is hoping to name a new district executive as soon as possible.

Stay tuned...more news on Laura’s replacement will be shared as it becomes available.

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Reminder – Silver Beaver Nomination Deadline on Horizon

The Silver Beaver Award, introduced in 1931, is the highest volunteer recognition that a Boy Scouts of America council may bestow. As mentioned in an earlier issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*, the timeline for submitting nominations was changed for this year. Nominations for the 2018 class of Silver Beaver recipients are due no later than **Wednesday, July 25, 2018**.



Please don’t miss your opportunity to nominate a deserving volunteer for this once in a lifetime recognition. For more information regarding the Silver Beaver award nomination, contact Chuck Fippen at (317) 201-2694. You should [download the nomination form](#) here; the BSA Silver Beaver guidelines for the award are available [here](#).

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A Special Year to “Catapult Into Scouting” – Part 1 of 3

This year’s “Catapult Into Scouting” sign-up night (August 13, 2018) will be historic, to say the least! This will be the first full year of Cub Scouting serving the entire family! As such, Cub Scout units will need to prepare well for our sign-up night. So, even though we are about 2-months away from sign-up night, there are things that every Cub Scout unit should be doing right now to prepare.



- Has your charter organization agreed to allow girls into your pack? If your charter organization will not support adding girls, have you identified other Cub Scout units in the area whose charter organization will support girls in their pack? In the long-run, we do not want to turn anyone away who wants to join Scouting on sign-up night!
- If your charter organization will support girls in your pack, have you built a plan for how your unit will handle girls in your pack? Are there existing adults in your pack who could be approached to step-up into leadership positions...either as Den Leaders or as a New Adult Coordinator(s) for your unit? Have you asked your existing parents to help with sign-up night?
- There is a lot of information shared verbally on sign-up night with new parents. Have you put together a short “fact sheet” on your unit to give to new parents? If not, now

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In the Next 30 Days

- Jun 17-23, 2018
NYLT Summer Course
- Jul 6-8, 2018
Firecrafter Mid-Summer Ritual
- Jul 25, 2018
[Silver Beaver Nomination Due](#)

In the Next 60 Days

- Aug 1, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Aug 3-19, 2018
Base Camp @ State Fair
- Aug 5, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Aug 8, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Aug 8, 2018
NED Round Tables
- Aug 10-12, 2018
Firecrafter Grand Ritual
- Aug 13, 2018
Northeast Cub Scout Sign-up Night

In the Next 90 Days

- Aug 16, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg
- Aug 17-19, 2018
OA Ordeal
- Sep 5, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Sep 7-9, 2018
Voyageur Fall Course
- Sep 8-10, 2018
Wood Badge Fall Weekend #1
- Sep 9, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Sep 12, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Sep 12, 2018

would be a great time to begin drafting this “fact sheet”. Items that probably should be featured in this handout could include: the time and location for your routine pack meetings, any special activities that your pack as planned, your summer camp dates, if known, and the names and contact information for unit leaders.

- The final step that should be done now is to put the date and time for your school’s “Meet the Teacher Night”, “Ice Cream Social”, “Together on Tuesday”, or whatever your school calls a welcome back event BEFORE our sign-up night on your calendar and confirm that your pack can attend. Setting up a table at these events to showcase your pack’s fun activities can help to boost your sign-up night attendance!

Stay tuned for the next issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette* where we will share more “Catapult Into Scouting” unit preparations.

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Den Chiefs Needed – What Should You Do?

With another Cub Scout sign-up night approaching, and what hopefully, will be a record year of recruiting the entire family, there is one resource that may be underutilized by both Packs and Troops...yep, I’m talking about the Den Chief!



So if a Den Chief is so important, what is this role and how can I obtain one or more for my pack? Simply put, a Den Chief is an older Boy Scout or Venturer who is registered as a youth member in a troop or crew who has been selected by the senior patrol leader and Scoutmaster or Venturing Advisor to provide assistance to a pack, at the request of a Cubmaster. All selections for Den Chiefs should be approved by both the Cubmaster and the pack committee. The responsibilities of a Den Chief are as follows:

- Know the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Help Cub Scouts achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings.
- Set a good example through attitude and by wearing a proper uniform at meetings.
- Be a friend to the boys in the den.
- Help lead weekly den meetings.
- Help the den in its part of the monthly pack meeting.
- Know the importance of the monthly theme and pack meeting plans.
- Meet regularly with the den leader to review den and pack meeting plans. Meet as needed with adult members of the den, pack, and troop.
- Receive training from the den leader (and Cubmaster or assistant Cubmaster) and attend Den Chief Training.
- Encourage Cub Scouts to become Webelos when they are eligible.
- Help the Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader provide leadership to Cub Scouts.

As shown above, there are plenty of benefits to the Cub Scout Pack/Den. What’s in it for the Troop providing the Den Chief? There are two main benefits.

- For troops to reach Gold Status on the Webelos-to-Scout transition performance metric, the unit must first reach Bronze level, and then will need to provide at least one Den Chief to a pack and recruit at least five Webelos to their Troop in order to reach Gold status.
- This also provides a unique opportunity for older scouts to mentor young Cub Scouts, strengthening the bond between the Pack sending Webelos to the unit and the Troop.

OK, when we select an older Scout to take on the Den Chief role, what’s in it for him? The biggest benefit of actively serving as a Den Chief for six months is that this role meets the requirement to serve in an active leadership position needed for rank advancement. It is

NED Round Tables

- Sep 14-16, 2018
OA Lodge Ordeal
- Sep 15, 2018
Voyageur Kayaking
Certification

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](#)

also a great opportunity for older Scouts to learn first-hand the joy of helping others at all times!

What are your next steps? First, Cubmasters should determine how many Den Chiefs will be needed to assist the pack. Begin discussions with neighboring Troop Scoutmasters and/or Venturing Crew Advisors and ask them to search for older Scouts who could fill this role. Once identified, the Scoutmaster/Venture Crew Advisor will need to confirm the older scout's willingness to serve. Additionally, the needed Den Chief training must be completed by the incoming Den Chief. Please don't hesitate to let your Northeast District Training Lead, [Leilan McNally](#) know if you need help with Den Chief training.

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Adult Leader BSA Training Sessions Available this Summer

You have a golden opportunity to increase your Scout knowledge over the next couple of months, as there will be a number of required training sessions offered in the area that may be of interest.



As mentioned in earlier issues of **The Northeast District Monthly Gazette**, the Boy Scouts of America recently updated their **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**. All registered adult leaders are required to complete this course by no later than **October 1, 2018!** In addition to the on-line course that can be taken at any time at <http://my.scouting.com>, there are a number of face-to-face instructor-led sessions scheduled at the **Golden Burke Scout Center**. Dates and times for these sessions are as follows:

- **June 18, 2018 - 7pm** - Shaheen Room
- **June 26, 2018 - 7pm** - Shaheen Room
- **July 11, 2018 - 7pm** - Reilly Room
- **July 18, 2018 - 7pm** - Reilly Room
- **July 25, 2018 - 7pm** - Reilly Room

Please sign-up for face-to-face YPT in the following Google Doc:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSek--luUMVVurv6CTKSWrLXicXNP9Eg7qcgH28dRhkCQzXRIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Additionally, **Den Leader Specific Training** will also be offered in a face-to-face instructor led format at the **Golden Burke Scout Center**. Dates and times for these sessions are as follows:

- **July 16, 2018 - 7pm** - Shaheen Room
- **July 24, 2018 - 7pm** - Shaheen Room

Please sign-up for Den Leader Specific Training in the following Google Doc:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxHYLkyqJJEB4jKfxNJX7UqsJIHk2GpLq0QNTIRt2eazp4g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Finally, there are nearby BALOO and/or IOLS and BALOO offerings that you can also take advantage of:

- Hou Koda District will be offering a **BALOO Course** on **June 22-23, 2018** at the **Avon Washington Township Park Pavilion**. For more information and to pre-register on line, visit the following [web page](#).
- Golden Eagle District will be offering an **IOLS and BALOO Training** on **June 23-24, 2018** at **Camp Red Wing – Muncie**. For more information and to pre-register on line visit the following [web page](#).

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Base Camp at Indiana State Fair Needs You!

The **Indiana State Fair** will run from **Friday, August 3** to **Sunday, August 19, 2018**. During last year's run, the State Fair saw over 900,000 visitors enter the gates. As you might imagine this can be a great time to share the benefits of Scouting with attendees, and did you know that our council has been blessed with a location at the State Fair called **Base Camp** to do just that?



While we have the location, it always takes plenty of volunteers to serve as "Scouting Ambassadors" during the State Fair run. Please consider volunteering for a shift at Base Camp. This can be a fun den, patrol, pack, troop, crew, or even family summer fun activity...and as a shift is only for part of a day, you will receive a complimentary admission to the State Fair for the day(s) that you agree to serve as "Scouting Ambassadors"!

More details on this upcoming "Scouting Ambassador" activity will be shared next month.

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Share Your Summer Fun – We Are Looking for Unit Reports

By the time that this issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette* arrives your summer fun will likely be in full swing. Hopefully all units will be spending a week at Summer Camp and/or traveling to one of Scouting's premier high adventure bases (e.g., Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve). We know that you will all have a GREAT TIME!



Here is where we would ask YOUR HELP! In the August issue of our e-newsletter, we would like to feature a short synopsis of the fun that Northeast District units had this summer. So, we need you to tell us about your unit's summer outing. Please send an [e-mail](#) providing the following facts by **Friday, August 10, 2018**:

- Unit #
- What Your Unit Did This Summer
- How many Scouts from your Unit Attended
- How many Adults from your Unit also Attended
- Number of merit badges, rank (and Firecrafter) advancements were earned
- One fun fact from your unit's outing
- Include a picture (optional)

Don't hesitate to contact [Mike Chambers](#) should you have any questions about your "assignment".

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