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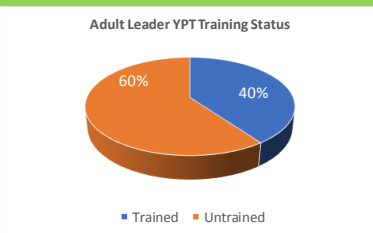
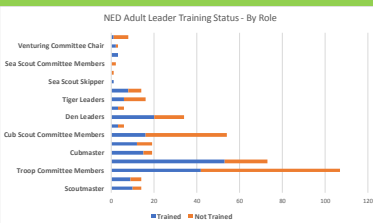
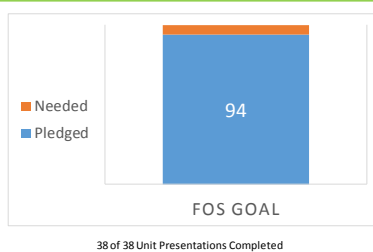
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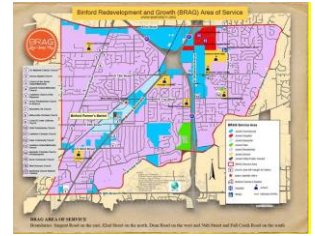
In the Next 30 Days

Jul 25, 2018

[Silver Beaver Nomination Due](#)

BREAKING NEWS...Service Opportunity THIS WEEKEND!

We were just notified that the Binford Redevelopment and Growth (BRAG) Board is having a clean-up day in this area on Saturday, July 21, 2018. They are in need of Scouts to help clean-up the Binford Boulevard rights-of-way and other areas. If you are able to help, please contact Christine Dossman either via [e-mail](#) or at 317-213-3248. Don't remember to log your service hours if you participate in the event!



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Reminder - Northeast Round Tables Start Again in August

With school restarting for many schools in early August, it can only mean one thing...yep, it's time to start the **Northeast District Monthly Round Tables** again! Please make plans to join us at **Golden Burk Scout Center** beginning at **7:00 PM** on **Wednesday, August 8, 2018** for our next monthly gathering!



You won't want to miss this meeting, as this will be our last gathering prior to the Northeast District Historic Catapult into Scouting Sign-Up Night!

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Popcorn Sales Time is Just Around the Corner... Part 1 of 2

As July winds down, that can only mean one thing...the dog days of summer will be over before we know it! That means that our Trail's End Popcorn Sale is just around the corner. Due to a recent decision by Crossroads of America Council, this year's popcorn sale will take on even more importance. After due deliberation, the council will not be continuing Camp Card sales beyond 2018. The primary reasons for this decision is that they are working to simplify unit fundraising efforts by committing an "all-in" approach to popcorn and the fact that the historical financial benefits to the units from selling popcorn was 6X that received from selling Camp Cards.



With that as a backdrop, here are some of the key dates for our upcoming popcorn sale:

• August 1	Online Sale begins
• August 6	August Orders Due on the Popcorn System at scouting.trails-end.com
• By August 16	All Units hold Kick-Off Parties
• August 19	Scout Popcorn Festival at Camp Belzer
• August 23 & 24	August Order Product Distribution by Unit
• August 25	SALE BEGINS!
• September 10	September Orders Due on the Popcorn System at scouting.trails-end.com
• September 20 & 21	September Order Product Distribution by Unit
• October 21	FINAL SALES DAY!

To help your Scout prepare to sell, the Council is holding a **Scout Popcorn Festival** at **Camp Belzer** on **Sunday, August 19, 2018** from **1:00 – 4:00 PM** (come anytime during this period). So, what's on tap for this event? You and your Scout can sample the popcorn that your Scout will be selling, try the available prizes and set your sales goal, create your online sales

- Aug 1, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- 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 60 Days

- Aug 16, 2018 (6:00 PM)
OA/Firecrafter Mtg
- Aug 17-19, 2018
OA Ordeal
- Aug -19, 2018
Scout Popcorn Festival
- Aug -25, 2018
Popcorn Sales Begin
- 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
NED Round Tables
- Sep 14-16, 2018
OA Lodge Ordeal
- Sep 15, 2018
Voyageur Kayak Certification

In the Next 90 Days

- Sep 20, 2018 (6:00 PM)

account, and develop your sales pitch! There will also be bonus fun activities, such as shooting sports, BMX demos, face painting and more. Additionally, for those Scouts who visit every station, the pool at Camp Belzer will be open after 2:00 PM (don't forget to bring your swimsuit, sun screen and a towel).

For units, as our Popcorn Sale will start earlier this year, you may wish to begin contacting show and sale locations to secure prime spots NOW! Happy selling...look for Part 2 on Popcorn Sales in next month's issue of *The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*.

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A Special Year to “Catapult into Scouting” – Part 2 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.



Prepare for and Attend your School Open House/Back to School Night:

Your first “in-person” opportunity to ensure a successful “Catapult into Scouting” sign-up night will be to attend your School's Open House/Back to School Night that should precede our sign-up night. This is an excellent opportunity to tell parents and their children to come back to the school on August 13, 2018 to sign-up for Scouting. Units should be working now to secure enough leaders come to this event so that you can answer questions and collect new potential Scouts (and their parents) information. Crossroads of America Recruiting website lists the following resources that are available to help you with this event:

- [Instructions for Volunteers- Lead Generation at your Open House](#)
- [Join Scouting Interest Form - Lead Generation \(Print\)](#)
- [Join Scouting Interest Form - Lead Generation \(Digital\)](#)
- [Open House Training Video](#)

Prepare for Sign-Up Night by Reviewing Your Pack Recruiting Box Contents:

Now would also be an excellent time to open that Pack Recruiting materials that every unit should have picked-up during the District Recruiting Night training (see hyperlinked list below).

- [Application form \(Adult\) - Application form \(Adult - Spanish\)](#)
- [Application form \(Youth\) - Application form \(Youth - Spanish\) - Transfer Form \(Youth\)](#)
- [Report Envelope](#)
- [Front door sign - Meeting room sign - Registration sign - Table Tents](#)
- [Lion Fact Sheet - Tiger Fact Sheet - Wolf Fact Sheet - Bear Fact Sheet - Webelos Fact Sheet](#)
- [Parent Information Form](#)
- [Parent Attendance Sheet](#)
- [New Parent Orientation Guide - New Parent Orientation Guide \(Spanish\)](#)
- [2017 Cub Scout Pack Sign-Up for Scouting Guidebook](#)
- [100 Point Parent Participation Form \(Word format\)](#)

It would also be a best practice to get both adult volunteers, as well as Boy Scouts to help new Cub Scouts assemble their catapult for sign-up night. This will allow the parents to complete the sign-up process and not have to worry about their prospective Scouts. If you need guidance on how to assemble a catapult, see the [assembly video](#) posted on the Council website. Finally, don't miss the August Round Table on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, as this will be our final opportunity to review details and answer questions before our district sign-up night!

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OA/Firecrafter Mtg

- Sep 21-23, 2018
Firecrafter Fall Frenzy
- Sep 28-30, 2018
NYLT Fall Weekend #1
- Sep 29-Oct 1, 2018
Wood Badge Fall Weekend #2
- Oct 1, 2018 (7:00 PM)
CAC Online Re-Charter Begins
- Oct 3, 2018 (7:00 PM)
NED Committee Mtg
- Oct 7, 2018
NED Eagle BoR
- Oct 10, 2018
NED Commissioners Mtg
- Oct 10, 2018
NED Round Tables
- Oct 12-14, 2018
NYLT Fall Weekend #2

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](#)

Order of the Arrow Ordeals on the Horizon

One of the highlights of most Summer Camp stays are Order of the Arrow (OA) callouts. The next step for those who were identified is to complete an **OA Ordeal**. There are two scheduled OA Ordeals in the near future.



The West Area Ordeal is primarily structured for prospective OA members from Kickapoo (KPO) - *Wabash Valley District*, Lowaneu Allaque (LOA) - *North Star District*, Tatankaskah (TAK) - *Sugar Creek District* and Wundchenneu (WUN) - *Hou Koda District*. This Ordeal will be held at **Camp Krietenstein** over the **August 17-19, 2018** week-end. The remaining opportunity for OA candidates to complete their Ordeal will be the Lodge Ordeal to be held at **Camp Belzer** over the **September 14-16, 2018** week-end. For more information about these Ordeals, please visit the [Jaccos Towne Lodge website](#).

All Ordeals will cost \$55 for Ordeal candidates, \$50 for Brotherhood candidates and \$30 for staff members.

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Base Camp at Indiana State Fair Going on Hiatus

While the **Indiana State Fair** will run from **Friday, August 3** to **Sunday, August 19, 2018**, the Leadership Team of the Crossroads of America Council has decided to take a one-year hiatus from the Indiana State Fair to focus on other priorities and assess the participation.



With the many changes on the Council level this year, the popcorn expansion, and University of Scouting this fall, our resources have been stretched and we need to ensure the projects listed have our full attention for success.

Our Scout Executive/CEO, Joe Wilttrout, and Director of Marketing, Mary Owens, will be visiting the State Fair in August and visiting with their executives to discuss our relationship and plan for the future.

We thank all of our State Fair volunteers for their dedication and work over the years.

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There Is Still Time to Send Youth Leaders to NYLT Fall Session

There's still time if you have a Scout in your Troop, Crew or Ship that is at least 13 years of age and a First-Class Scout or higher (before the Fall course starts), to have them take their Scout leadership skills to the next level by successfully completing [National Youth Leader Training](#) (NYLT). 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 is still one opportunity remaining – the [Fall Course](#) will be offered over two week-ends (SEPT 28-30 and OCT 12-14, 2018) – participants must attend both week-ends to successfully complete NYLT.

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 at the link above.

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Retirement – Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL)

Training Code C33, the code for Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OWL), has been retired (effective 2/28/18). The current Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) course combines the content previously found in the BALOO syllabus with the content of OWL. The training code for the new combined course is C32. The BALOO syllabus is available at <http://www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx>. BALOO is comprised of an online (found on the BSA Learn Center; accessed by logging into your My.Scouting account) and a hands-on component. Both must be completed for a Cub Scout leader to be considered “trained” as an outdoor leader.



Source - <https://www.scouting.org/training/training-updates/>

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Share Your Summer Fun – We Are Looking for Unit Reports

A reminder...**YOUR HELP** is requested to make the August 2018 issue of ***The Northeast District Monthly Gazette*** special. We would like to feature a paragraph per unit sharing your summer fun. Hopefully all units will provide the following information via [e-mail](#) 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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