



Hou Koda District NewsLetter

2009

Website: www.houkodadistrict.org

August

"Hou Koda" is Native American - "Welcome Friend"

Hou Koda District Kickoff – August 13, 2009



We are looking forward to seeing you at the Hou Koda District Kickoff meeting August 13, 2009. It is the beginning of the scouting year, so come and get loads of information on upcoming events. There will be training conducted at 6:00 before activities begin at 7:00 pm, so come early and get trained on School Night Orientation. Each area of the District Committee will have a table for handouts and information. There will be information on Outdoor Activities and Camporees, Training, School Nights, Membership, Troop Planning, Advancement, Commissioners, Popcorn, 100th Anniversary Activities, and much more! Meet us at the Messiah Lutheran Church 801 South Green Street (SR 267) Brownsburg, IN.

Roundtables begin – Second Thursday of the month starting – September 10, 2009

After a summer break with no roundtable in June and July, and Kickoff in August, we start with the normal Roundtable routine September 10th at Messiah Lutheran Church in Brownsburg, IN. We are interested in your input on our District Roundtables so fill out the attached survey and return it to Butch Straber.



100th Anniversary of Scouting – Planning is underway



Be sure to be watching for 100th Anniversary Newsletters with specific information about upcoming Anniversary Activities. If you are on distribution for the HK district newsletter, then you're on distribution for the 100th Anniversary Newsletter. Any questions; contact Brenda Smith bksmith856@aol.com

It's Silver Beaver Nomination time!

It's that time of year again. Attached is the info flyer for this year. We are having 50 copies printed for each district and office. Nominations are due September 30th. Thanks for all your help - we have lots of qualified volunteers who deserve to be recognized.



School Night Planning – Begin Now!



We're looking for your School Night Schedules. Plan for August through September on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night. Please contact Allen Brown at allen@indyblueprints.com. School Night Orientation Training before Kickoff August 13, 2009 at Messiah Lutheran Church from 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Scout Campout Nights at Victory Field - June 5, 2009 or June 12, 2009

Camping Package Includes: game ticket, 2009 patch, fireworks show, post-game snack, movie, camping in the outfield, and breakfast. These events WILL sell out. To order your tickets or for more information, contact

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the Victory Field Box Office at 317-269-3545. If either campout is postponed due to severe weather, the make-up date will be Friday, July 24th at 7:15 pm. Indians staff will make this decision as early as possible. Please do not assume the game will be postponed. SPACE IS LIMITED to 1000 campers for each date - June 5 is sold out.

Popcorn Planning – Begin Now!

Could your unit use some extra cash? Our Scouts earned over \$4 million in popcorn last year. Of that amount, over 70% of the sale proceeds stayed local. In fact, 1/3rd of that amount went directly to the units that sold to fund their programs and activities!

Popcorn enables your unit to do the things you want without having to do lots of fundraisers. The idea is to have this one fund-raiser in the fall support the entire year of Scouting. This is an officially approved council unit money-earning project that many packs and troops participate in each year. Do your sale in the fall and reap the benefits for the rest of the year. There are resources available on the CAC website:

<http://crossroadsbsa.org/FunctionsofScoutingMenu/Finance/PopcornSale/tabid/121/Default.aspx>

Those General Resources are:

- Online Popcorn System Overview (3 MB, PowerPoint)
- ALL NEW Online Video Training For Leaders and Scouts
- Orderpopcorn.com Information
- Setting up Order Keys
- Sample Unit Inventory Control Sheet
- Newsletter Article Template
- Media Promotion Instructions
- Trails End Scholarship Form
- Unit Popcorn Kickoff
- How to sell 25
- Blitz Day
- Trail's End Websites



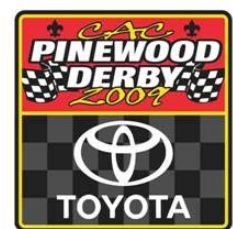
There is a new Online Sign-up Form - You can now sign your unit up for the Popcorn sale online. Unit Leaders should use the form below to submit your unit's sign-up at this link:

<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/FunctionsofScoutingMenu/Finance/PopcornSale/OnlinePopcornSignup/tabid/454/Default.aspx>

Pinewood Derby Volunteers Needed for the State Fair!

Volunteer for four hours, help promote Scouting, get a cool patch and get into the Fair for free!

The Crossroads of America Council has partnered with Toyota to run Pinewood Derby Car clinics at the State Fair and we need your help.



Basics

- 10 workshops a day.
- 10 kids per workshop.

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- Build and take a pre-cut pinewood derby car.
- Three shifts a day; 9AM to 1PM, 12:30PM to 4:30PM and 4PM to 8PM.
- 6-8 volunteers per shift
- Youth will be welcome but we require a majority of adult supervision.
- Scouts will man the booth on Friday, Aug. 7th, Sat. Aug. 8th, Sun. Aug. 9th, Mon. Aug. 10th, Sat. Aug. 15th, Sun. Aug. 16th, Sat. Aug. 22nd, Sun. Aug. 23rd.
- Toyota will man the event the other days of the fair.

Workshop details

- Kids will pick a pre-cut pinewood derby car.
- They can sand their car.
- They will decorate their car (washable Crayola markers and 100th anniversary Scouting decals).
- They will put the wheels and axels on their car with a hammer.
- They can race their car on a pinewood track.
- We will have info about Scouting in the booth as well.
- Cost for kids = Free.

If you are interested please contact Mary Carrico at mcarrico@crossroadsbsa.org or 317-925-1900 x205

Summer Scout Splash – Holiday World - June 13-21, or August 1- 9, 2009

Scouting families and friends are invited to enjoy the fun and excitement of two parks for the price of one! Single day pass \$27.00 Regularly \$39.95 (Can ONLY be purchased through your local Scout office) We're taking the classic "shoot the chute" ride to new heights! Pilgrims Plunge is the World's Tallest Water Ride, with a drop of 131 feet! The modern twist is a rapid ride up an open-air elevator to the top of the tower. And the splash is ninety feet wide! Price includes admission to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari, unlimited soft drinks, sunscreen and lotion. Free parking. Visit www.holidayworld.com for park information and directions.



Wood Badge Adult Leader Training – August 15-19 and September 12-14, 2009



Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs.

Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

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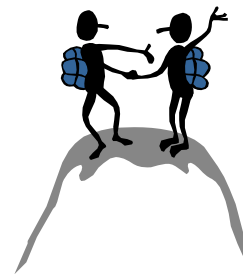
Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

Backpack Awareness Training – (BAT) Saturday, October 10, 2009

Adult Leader Training will take place at Camp Belzer on Saturday, October 10, 2009, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Classroom Training), and Saturday, October 24 & 25, 2009, Saturday 9:00 am to Sunday 11:00 am at Camp Ransburg (Backpack Experience)

You will receive training in:

- Trip Planning
- Basic Hiking First Aid
- Trek Safely Training
- Menu Planning & Meal Preparation
- Leave No Trace Training
- BSA and CAC Policies
- Gear Equipment Info:
 - Packs
 - Boots
 - Tents
 - Clothing
 - Stoves
 - Sleeping Bags
 - Much, Much, More.....



Objective: To teach adults how to prepare your unit for that High Adventure Trip for Backpacking and to become properly trained. Questions: Contact Steve Taylor at 765-676-6666 or by email at staylor@sill.com
Contact Tim Bouchard at 317-925-1900 or by email at tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org

Wood Badge Bead Annual Dinner – Rescheduled for October 17, 2009



The Wood Badge Association of Crossroads of America Council cordially invites you and your guest(s) for an evening of dining, fun, and fellowship. Rekindle the Spirit of Wood Badge or spark your interest. Event benefits the Wood Badge Scholarship Fund. Camp Belzer 6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis, IN. See attached Reservation Form.

Keynote Speaker:

State Representative Cindy Noe

6:00 p.m. social hour / trading post / silent auction

7:00 p.m. dinner & program with bead ceremony

Early Bird cost is \$20/person or \$35/couple.

After October 3, cost is \$30/person or \$45/couple

"Generations" recognition for bead holders in the same family!

Full Scout uniform or business attire appropriate.

Please contact Tim Bouchard at 317-925-1900 ext. 248 or e-mail tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.com with questions or dietary restrictions.

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Hou Koda District Fall Camporee – October 23 – 25, 2009

Planning is underway for the Fall camporee. The location will be Kikthawenund Scout Camp near Anderson. We're looking for 100% participation at this camporee! If you're interested in helping, please contact Mark Allen at mark.products@aol.com.

Marlinspike Skills - March 5-7, 2010



Have fun learning fancy knot tying with hands-on instruction. Beginners are welcome! Marlinspike Skills is the old sailor's term for fancy knot tying. Join us March 5-7 to learn how to tie some of the most interesting and decorative knots that you will ever see, along with many practical knots. This adult only course offers hands-on instruction by Crossroads of America Council's best teachers of knots and rope work. (Of course we are biased in our opinion). Knowledge of basic knot tying is a plus, but not required.

If you have a willingness to learn you will enjoy this course. This is the 13th course for

Marlinspike Skills offered in the Crossroads of America Council. Get registered and be part of a learning experience. The course starts at 7p.m. on Friday and ends around noon on Sunday. The cost is \$60 and covers all meals, course materials, lodging and entertainment. The course is limited to 15 learners, sign up early to reserve your spot. CAMP BELZER, INDIANAPOLIS

6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis, IN 46226 Visit our web site at www.marlinspikeskills.com . For any questions please contact us: Chief Knothead: Gary Summers 67sgsummers@att.net (317) 213-5476) 1st Ass't Knothead: Eric Wickizer / (317) 398-7805 ekwick@att.net DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP IS FEB. 15, 2010

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming District Events

August 1 - 9, 2009	Summer Scout Splash	Holiday World
August 13, 2009	School Night Orientation (before Kickoff)	Messiah Lutheran Church
August 13, 2009	Hou Koda Kickoff	Messiah Lutheran Church
August 15 - 19, 2009	Wood Badge Adult Leader Training - session 1	Camp Ransburg
September 12 - 14, 2009	Wood Badge Adult Leader Training - Session 2	Camp Wildwood
October 10, 2009	Backpack Awareness Training (BAT)	Camp Belzer
October 17, 2009	Wood Badge Bead Annual Dinner	Camp Belzer
October 23 - 25, 2009	Hou Koda Fall Camporee	Kikthawenund Scout Camp
March 5 7, 2010	Marlinspike Skills Training	Camp Belzer

Contact Brenda Smith at bksmith856@aol.com to request or provide District Newsletter information. For additional Scouting information visit the following Web Sites:

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www.crossroadsbsa.org

www.bsa.scouting.org

www.usscouts.org

www.meritbadge.com

www.macscouter.com

www.raceintoscouting.org

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District Training Chair: Samer Lawand

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Round Table at Messiah Lutheran Church Survey

1. Having the Round Table (RT) in Brownsburg is _____
 - a. A great location
 - b. An ok location
 - c. Location could be improved
 - d. Location must be improved

Optional Comment

2. Having the RT at Messiah Lutheran Church (MLC) is _____
 - a. Facility is great for the RT
 - b. Facility is adequate for the RT
 - c. Facility can be improved for the RT
 - d. Facility is totally unsatisfactory for the RT

Optional Comment

3. If you could pick the best community for the RT, where would you like to see it? _____
 - a. Plainfield
 - b. Avon
 - c. Danville
 - d. Brownsburg
 - e. Speedway
 - f. Other (specify): _____

4. If you feel the RT location should be moved to another community, what building/facility do you recommend be used?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

Thanks for completing the survey! Please get the completed survey to Butch Straber.

We do appreciate everyone's input. We will try to "do our best" to support our district units!

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 Butch Straber
 922 Ironwood West Drive
 Brownsburg, IN 46112-1748
 Hou Koda District Chairman - QUEST

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Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to youth in the area served by a local Boy Scout Council. It is the highest honor that Crossroads of America Council may bestow upon a volunteer. It is the ultimate in local service recognition.

Requirements:

- Must have made significant service to the youth in the area serviced by the council – both in and out of Scouting and can include other youth organizations, church, schools, etc.
- Must be at least 21 years of age and currently registered as a volunteer Scout in the Crossroads of America Council (Cub Scouter, Scouter, Varsity Scouter, and Venturing leaders).
- Cannot be a professional Scouter or council employee.

There is no time served requirement and you do not have to have received the District Award of Merit to be nominated.

Note: Often duplicate nominations are submitted and signed by different people. If a member merits a nomination – they should also merit original nominations. Also, members are often nominated by a spouse – while not prohibited, nominations are better respected from fellow Scouters.

Candidates for this award must be nominated. Nomination forms can be obtained at Scout offices or on line at www.crossroadsbsa.org. For an electronic version to complete on line, please request from council@crossroadsbsa.org. This form should be opened as a read only form and when completed do a “save as” and rename the form for your applicant (**Last Name, First Name 2009**). This form can then be sent electronically to council@crossroadsbsa.org.

These awards shall be made to the recipients by the council at the Silver Beaver Luncheon held at the University of Scouting in January each year.

Questions: Please call your local District Executive or Sandi Morris at (317) 925-1900.

Send nominations to: **Attn: Silver Beaver Committee**
1900 N. Meridian Street
PO Box 1966
Indianapolis IN 46206-1966

Or send via Email: **council@crossroadsbsa.org**



Nominations are due no later than September 30, 2009

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Yes, I will be attending the 2009 Dinner.

Name(s) _____

My critter(s) is(are): _____

Address _____

City Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Number attending: ____

Before October 3: \$20/person or \$35/couple

After October 3: \$30/person or \$45/couple

Sorry, I will be unable to attend, but please accept my free-will donation (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50) to the WBadge Scholarship for \$ _____

Amount paid \$ _____

MC/Visa# _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Checks should be made payable to: **C.A.C.- B.S.A.** Memo notation: Acct. #6WBDR

Return to any Crossroads office or mail to:

Crossroads of America Council, BSA

Wood Badge Bead Dinner

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