



Hou Koda District NewsLetter

2009

New Website: Pending

February

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

Boy Scouts answer a "Call to Change"

As the new-year kicked off, many of us made New Year's resolutions, and often these centered around health issues. If you need support in following through on these resolutions, ACallToChange.org is a great resource to help you learn what your risk factors are and what steps you can take to improve your personal and family health. Being physically fit is one of the key elements in the Scout Oath. To learn more about how to achieve that goal--and even win a trip to Florida visit Scout Executive Scott Clabaugh's blog @ <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/ProgramsofScoutingMenu/GeneralCouncilInformation/ScottsBlog/tabid/551/EntryID/2/Default.aspx>.

Venturing Program Committee

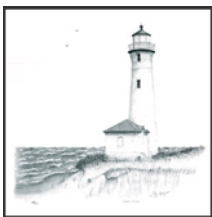
The Venturing Program Committee meets on a monthly basis at Camp Belzer. We discuss everything program related to Venturing including advancement, camp, activities and more! We would love to have new individuals join us. If interested, please contact Dave Broekers.

Hou Koda Eagle Scouts – January 2009

T307 - Jordan Aders
T396 - Timothy Mitchell
T397 - Joe Kurucz
T397 - Scott Kelley
T399 - Joseph Muskat
T486 - Tyler Ott
T894 - James Miller

Deadline has been extended - get your nominations for the Guiding Light Award in today!

HOUKODA DISTRICT GUIDING LIGHT AWARD



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What are the guidelines to become a GUIDING LIGHT?

A pack/troop/team/crew simply turns in the name of the person from their unit that they wish to honor. Each unit can determine their own guidelines. Be sure that the recipient is present at the Hou Koda District Awards dinner in March to receive their award. Members of the unit should attend, too, and join in the festivities of Hou Koda District's adult recognition for all unit leaders.

To recognize someone in your unit, simply fill out the form below. Only one recognition per unit is accepted so be sure to consult with your unit leadership to determine the best candidate. Please see the attached application.

Where do you find a GUIDING LIGHT?

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In your pack/troop/ team/ crew
At a den meeting
At a committee meeting
ON THE PHONE, MAKING LOTS OF CALLS
As a gopher, (You know, go-fer this or go-fer that!)
As a Committee Volunteer
As the Chairman of a Committee
At a troop meeting

Order of the Arrow (Update)



The Wundchenneu Chapter, Order of the Arrow will be scheduling election teams to visit all the troops in the district to share information about OA and review requirements for elections. If your troop is interested in having our team conduct the actual election please contact us.

****Please Note ***** Election results / Forms will need to be turned in at the March Roundtable Meeting.

The chapter is planning for another very busy crossover season! Any Arrowmen that would like to participate on a crossover team is encouraged to contact us. Find out what's going on in our Chapter by visiting us on the web at www.oawundchenneu.com. You will find some great information and links to help you communicate with our Chapters Officers.

Spring Ordeal is scheduled for May 15 - 17, 2009 - Location TBA.
Joe Stovall, Chapter Advisor, Wundchenneu, joestovall@sbcglobal.net

Eli Lilly & Company seeking Life Scouts to complete special Eagle projects

Earlier this year the council participated in a joint venture with Eli Lilly & Company and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to allow Life Scouts to lead projects that benefited public schools. These projects were mostly funded by KIB and/or United Way and originated with grant proposals written by the schools, but the Scouts were able to meet with school personnel to design and lead the project themselves. The projects utilized a work force made up of Eli Lilly employees doing team building for their Global Day of Service on May 15, and so the Scouts were able to accomplish a great deal in a very short period of time.

The council plans to participate in this venture once again, and we are seeking Life Scouts at least 15 years old to lead these projects. Scouts can be nominated by their Scoutmaster or they can nominate themselves with a letter of recommendation from their Scoutmaster, but must also meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 15, driver's license a big advantage
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Personal Management MB a plus
- Demonstrated ability to work well with adults
- A commitment to communicate regularly (check & respond to e-mails daily)

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- Willingness and ability to commit to time requirements (Scout and his parents)
- Son of Eli Lilly employee a plus but not required

Benefits to the Scout:

- Significant ESLSP completed within a finite time period (~6 months from conception to completion)
- Networking with and coaching from Eli Lilly staff during planning sessions

If you think you may have a good candidate for these projects, please contact Council Advancement Chairman Carla Gargas at gargas@comcast.net or (317) 329-7881 for more details.

Re-Charter

- Troop/Team/Crew Re-Charter Packet Turn-In: Feb. 5th 6:30-8pm @ Avon Christian Church
- Pack Re-Charter Packet Turn-In: March 5th 6:30-8pm @ Avon Christian Church

New District Member

We would like to recognize and welcome Samer Lawand a new member to the Hou Koda district team. He is the new Training Chair and his extensive knowledge in training will be an asset! Another new district member is Karen Brinkman who will serve on the training committee and we welcome her as well!

MARK D. VAN MATRE - WHITE STAG SCHOLARSHIP



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Friends of Scouting 2009 Campaign

'Friends of Scouting' is Crossroads of America Council's annual fundraising campaign. Without the support of our leaders, communities and Scouting families we would not be able to deliver the program as we know it to youth. It is strongly encouraged that every family has the opportunity to support Scouting. This is done through a brief presentation at the unit level. If you have not yet scheduled your presentation, contact Dick Sloan this month to schedule a presentation at (317)856-5243 / dscon50@yahoo.com.

Venturing Ranger Award

High adventure and the outdoors have always been of interest to young Americans as well as an important part of the BSA program. Because of the attraction of high adventure, the Ranger Award is available to all Venturing youth members of the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the award is to encourage Venturers to achieve a high level of outdoor skills proficiency; recognize achievement of this high level of outdoor skills proficiency; provide a path for outdoor/high adventure skills training; and establish Rangers as a highly trained leadership resource for crews, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the community.



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The Ranger Award exemplifies a challenging high-level outdoor/high-adventure skills advancement program. Once earned, it will identify a Ranger as a person who is highly skilled at a variety of outdoor sports and interests, trained in outdoor safety, and ready to lead or assist others in activities. Rangers can be a great program asset to Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and others.

Hou Koda District Cub Scout Roundtable – February 12, 2008

Cub Scout Roundtable will be held at 7:00 pm at **Messiah Lutheran Church, 801 South Green St. Brownsburg IN 46112**. The Cub Scout Roundtable monthly theme is one month in advance of the themes presented in the Cub Scout Program Helps. As always, all adults, leaders and youth are welcome at the Cub Scout Roundtable.

Hou Koda District Boy Scout / Venturing Roundtable – February 12, 2008



CAC Venturing Roundtable and Hou Koda Boy Scout Roundtable will be held at 7:00 pm at **Messiah Lutheran Church, 801 South Green St. Brownsburg IN 46112**.

Boat, Sport and Travel Show – February 21, 2009

Get special admission with lots of extra hands on activities including a special session to help earn the fishing belt loop, free tickets for rock climbing, fishing and archery during the show!



Citizenship in the World - Merit Badge Workshop - February 28, 2009



Crossroads of America Council's International Scouting Committee is offering the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge workshop, at Camp Belzer Volunteer Training Center from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. This Eagle required merit badge will be taught by members of the Council's International Scouting Committee.

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Materials Provided: Merit Badge Book and Merit Badge Card

Class Size: Maximum 50 Scouts

Course Fee: \$20 (Fee Includes lunch)

Course Attire: Official Scout Uniform

Course Objectives: At the conclusion of this Merit Badge Workshop, each Scout will have completed all requirements for the Citizenship in the World merit badge. Proceeds from this event are for the support of the Crossroads of America International Camp Staff Program. Please call the Roesch Scout Service Center with any questions at (317) 925 - 1900

Super-Cross at Lucas Oil Stadium – February 28, 2009



Check out this racing sport with specialized high performance off-road motorcycles. They race on a dirt track with steep jumps and obstacles. Come check out it's debut in the new Lucas Oil Stadium!

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The Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Committee on Scouting Presents The Lay Apostolate (Catholic Scouter Development) – February 28, 2009

Located at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, In the House of St. Joseph, this is a required attendance for all Boy and Girl Scout leaders who are counselors for Catholic religious awards. The Cost is \$10.00. Registration/Check-in 7:30am and program begins at 8:00am to 2:00pm. Patch and Lunch will be provided. For more information or to sign up call Chet Price at (317)781-1362, or email at chetpsr@sbcglobal.net. Please RSVP By Feb. 10, 2009

Marlinspike Skills – Knots Course March 6-8 at Camp Belzer

Marlinspike is the old sailor's terms for fancy knot tying. This adults-only course offers hands-on instruction by the best teachers of knots and rope work around. Knowledge of basic knot tying is a plus, but not required. If you have a willingness to learn then you will enjoy this course. The course starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends around noon on Sunday. The cost of the course is \$60.00 and covers all meals, materials, lodging and entertainment. The course is limited to 15 people and the registration deadline is Feb. 13, 2009.



Hou Koda District Dinner – March 14, 2009



The Hou Koda district dinner is an annual event where we recognize individuals who have given outstanding service to our district. The dinner will be held on March 14, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints - 2125 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. All scouts that received their Eagle rank in 2008 are encouraged to attend at no cost. Details on time and cost are to be confirmed soon. Any questions please contact Jeff Reed at (home) 317-299-3888 or (cell) 317-752-1366.

Wood Badge Scholarship Benefit Dinner – March 14, 2009

The Wood Badge Association of the Crossroads of America Council cordially invites you and your quest(s) for an evening of dining, fun, and fellowship. Rekindle the Spirit of Wood Badge or spark your interest. This event benefits the Wood Badge Scholarship fund.

The cost of the event is \$20.00 a person or \$35.00 a couple. The event will be held at Camp Belzer in the Training Center on March 14. The event will start at 6 p.m. with a social hour/trading post and silent auction. The dinner and program will begin at 7 p.m. Full scout uniform or business attire appropriate. R.S.V.P. deadline is **March 10th**. Please contact Bob Meador at 317-570-0478 or bmead314@aol.com with questions or dietary restrictions. (see attached flyer)



Scouting For Food – March 14 – 21, 2009

The Kroger Scouting for Food drive will be held March 14-21 and is fast approaching. Scouts will go door to door across the state on Saturday, March 14 to help fill their local food pantries. People from the community will also bring in food and deliver it to food collection bins that are manned by a Scout unit at their local Kroger store or they can purchase pre-made bags in store on March 21.



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Kroger will distribute all the collected goods to food banks and pantries within the local collection area. Food collected in Marion County was donated to Gleaners Food Bank, who will then disburse it to their nearly 400 local pantries and soup kitchens. Individual Scout groups may also choose to donate collected food to the pantry that serves their neighborhood. Please talk with your unit about how you would like to help fight hunger in your community.

World's Longest, Tallest and Fastest Pinewood Derby – March 30 – April 4, 2009



March 30-April 4 --World's Longest, Tallest and Fastest Pinewood Derby at the Indiana State Museum. Back by popular demand, the two-and-a-half story track will be returning for another run.

NHRA Lucas Oil North Central Divisional Race – April 11, 2009



This race is the first of six on the division schedule and will feature drivers competing for points leading to divisional and national championships. Categories include Top Alcohol Dragster, Top Alcohol Funny Car, Comp Eliminator, Super Stock, Stock Eliminator, Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street. Family Day and discounts are available to Scouts!

Indianapolis Indians – May 2009

All Scouts can come out and enjoy a day at Victory Field. A special ceremony will be held before the game for all graduating Tiger Scouts. They will have the opportunity to cross over a bridge on the field and get high fives from Rowdy and some of the players! All Scouts in uniform will be able to run the bases after the game.



Venturing – Kodiak Youth Leadership Training – July 26 – August 1, 2009

Crossroads of America Council is very excited to offer it's first ever Kodiak training!! The course will be held in conjunction with the Venturing Summer Camp at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Kodiak is designed to develop leadership skills using exciting and fun leadership learning experiences. It is a 6 day course delivered in the outdoors based on providing five leadership skills called "commissions". Kodiak is a unique growth opportunity for crews as well as individuals.

Will include Activities Such As:

- ❖ Shooting Sports (Including Pistol Shooting)
- ❖ Motor Boating
- ❖ Water Skiing
- ❖ Sailing
- ❖ Canoeing
- ❖ Climbing
- ❖ High Ropes Course (COPE)
- ❖ Horseback Riding
- ❖ Hiking
- ❖ Leave No Trace Training



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Please find more information under "Venturing" at: <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/>.

If you have any questions please contact Ted Klick at tklick@crossroadsbsa.org or (317) 925-1900.

PROPOSED 2009 FEE SCHEDULE (Fees subject to change)

	In Council		Out of Council	
	Early bird (May 2)	Regular	Early bird (May 2)	Regular
Venturing Camp	\$195	\$205	\$220	\$230
Required Adults (8 to 1 ratio)	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 80	\$ 80
Additional Adults	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$100	\$100

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.

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.

2009 AFL-CIO and VFW Scholarships for Wood Badge Course

If you are a member of a VFW or a member of a union, and you are interested in attending the 2009 Crossroads of America Wood Badge Course then you can apply for either or both of these scholarship if you meet the criteria on the applications. The deadline to apply for the AFL-CIO Scholarship is February 15, 2009 and the VFW Scholarship is March 31, 2009. If you have any questions on these scholarships please contact Tim Bouchard at tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org or at 1-317-925-1900 Ext. 248.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming District Events

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Troop/Team/Crew Re-Charter packets

Avon Christian Church

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	due	
February 10, 2009	Reservations due for The Lay Apostolate Training	Call Chet Price at 317 - 781-1362
February 12, 2009	Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Roundtable	Messiah Lutheran Church - Brownsburg
February 13, 2009	Reservations due for Marlinspike Knot course	
February 15, 2009	AFL-CIO - WB Scholarship application deadline	
February 21, 2009	Boat, Sport and travel Show	Indiana State Fair Grounds
February 28, 2009	Citizenship in the World - Merit Badge Workshop	Camp Belzer
February 28, 2009	Archdiocese - The Lay Apostolate Training	St. Barnabas Catholic Church
February 28, 2009	Super-Cross	Lucas Oil Stadium
March 5, 2009	Pack Re-Charter packets due	Avon Christian Church
March 6 - 8, 2009	Marlinspike Skills Knots Course	Camp Belzer
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March 14, 2009	Hou Koda District Dinner	Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints
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March 14 - 21, 2009	Scouting for Food	
March 30 - April 4, 2009	World's longest pinewood derby track	Indiana State Museum
March 31, 2009	VFW WB Scholarship Application deadline	
April 11, 2009	NHRA North Central Divisional Race	Lucas Oil Stadium
May 15 - 17, 2009	OA Spring Ordeal	TBD
July 26 - August 1, 2009	Venturing Kodiak Youth Leadership Training	Camp Ransburg
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

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

www.crossroadsbsa.org

www.bsa.scouting.org

www.usscouts.org

www.meritbadge.com

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www.macscouter.com

www.raceintoscouting.org

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Scholarship Application

Print legibly and complete all information
Application must be received by May 1st

Note: A Letter of Recommendation from your Scoutmaster is required.

Scout's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Name of School Attending _____

Grade _____ Course preference: June _____ July _____

Chartered Organization _____ District _____

Troop # _____ Present Rank _____ Date of Rank _____

Current Leadership Position _____ How Long in Position _____

Other leadership position(s) held previously:

_____ Dates _____

_____ Dates _____

Served on camp staff: Yes ___ No ___ Which Camp _____

Dates _____

Served as an elected leader in Firecrafter Ember, Flame or Council Level?

Position(s) _____

Dates _____

Served as an elected leader in Order of the Arrow Chapter or Lodge?

Position(s) _____

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Dates _____

Explain in 50 words or less how you expect to benefit from White Stag and why you should be considered for this scholarship. What does leadership responsibility mean to you?

Signed _____ Date _____
Scout's Signature

Application must be received by May 1st.

Mail the completed application and your Scoutmaster's Letter of Recommendation to: Steve Chatot 1806 N. Brentwood Lane Questions may be directed to Steve at: Muncie, IN 47304 765-286-5093 or bigbear96@comcast.net

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Wood Badge Scholarship Benefit Dinner **On Saturday, March 14, 2009.** **Camp Belzer - Training Center**

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Guest Speaker: TBD

Event benefits the Wood Badge Scholarship Fund.

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

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

Cost is \$20.00/person or \$35.00/couple.

Full scout uniform or business attire appropriate

R.S.V.P. deadline is March 10th.

Please contact Bob Meador at 317-570-0478 or bmead314@aol.com with questions or dietary restrictions.

Clip and return this portion

Yes, I will be attending the 2009 Wood Badge Dinner.

Name(s) _____

My critter(s) is (are): _____.

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number attending: \$20.00/ea. Or \$35.00/couple

Amount paid \$ _____ .6WBDR

MC/Visa# _____

Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Sorry, I will be unable to attend, but please accept my free-will donation to the Wood Badge Scholarship of \$ _____.

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

1900 N. Meridian St.

P.O. Box 1966

Indianapolis, IN 46206-1966

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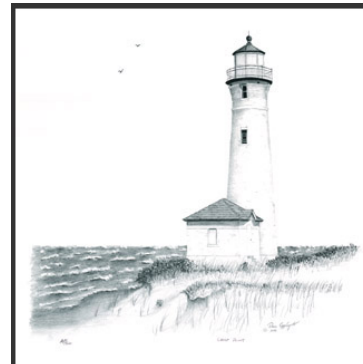
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ANYPLACE YOU MIGHT FIND A SCOUTING
VOLUNTEER AT WORK!!



**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
SHELLEY SPARKS, 1003 White Oak Drive, Plainfield, IN 46168
QUESTIONS - CALL 317-838-9876**

PACK, TROOP, TEAM or CREW (CIRCLE ONE) UNIT NUMBER _____

WE CHOOSE _____ TO BE OUR RECIPIENT OF THE
HOUKODA DISTRICT **2009** GUIDING LIGHT AWARD.

NOMINATOR'S NAME (PRINT)

NOMINATOR'S NAME (SIGNATURE)

DATE

NOMINATOR'S TELEPHONE NUMBER