



February 2010 Hou Koda District NewsLetter



Website: www.houkodadistrict.org

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

Hou Koda District Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable – February 11, 2010

Cub Scout and Boy 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.

VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program



The VFW has entered into a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America to encourage its Posts to organize Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews. To further this effort, the VFW National Headquarters offers Wood Badge training scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities. Members-at-large and retirees can qualify by being sponsored by the nearest VFW Post in their area.

Applications (below) are due NLT March 31, 2010 to the address on the form.

Guidelines

- 1) This scholarship program covers the current Wood Badge for the 21st Century course, which was developed for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The focus of the course is on the development of leadership skills, not outdoor skills.
- 2) There shall be awarded annually three scholarships for each BSA region—a total of 12.
- 3) Scholarships will cover the tuition fee only. The recipient must furnish transportation to and from Wood Badge course locations.
- 4) Applicants must satisfy all Wood Badge course prerequisites.
- 5) Applicants must be VFW members in good standing.

Re-charter time is HERE!

Re-charters will be due the first of the year. Packets will be distributed at December and January Roundtables. Troops, Teams, and Crews are due the first Thursday of February 2010, and the Packs are due the first Thursday of March. Plan on bringing your information to the Avon Christian Church starting at 6:30 pm. Re-charter Fee is \$16 (includes the \$1 insurance) / Boys Life remains the same.

Wood Badge 2010 Class Schedule Announced



Wood Badge is advanced leadership training. It is the natural next step in training after completing New Leader Essentials and the specific training for your registered position. Whether you completed basic training years ago or will in the next couple of months, you are eligible to attend Wood Badge. This two weekend long course will provide you with classroom and outdoor experiences designed to give you a variety of learning opportunities, as well as, give you the edge when working with small and large groups. Skills covered include communications, listening skills, leadership processes, team building, leading

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change, problem solving and resolving conflict. Skills learned will be useful in your personal and professional life as well as in Scouting.

The registration form will be on www.crossroadsbsa.org shortly with the price and the scholarship applications; however, a \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot.

Spring Course Dates:

April 15-17, (Thu, Fri, Sat) 2010

Camp Belzer (1 of 2)

and

May 13-15, (Thu, Fri, Sat) 2010

Camp Redwing (2 Of 2)

Course Director: Steve "Froggy" Williams

Fall Course Dates:

August 21-23, (Sat, Sun, Mon) 2010

Camp Ransburg (1 of 2)

and

September 25-27, (Sat, Sun, Mon)

2010 Camp Kikthawenund (2 of 2)

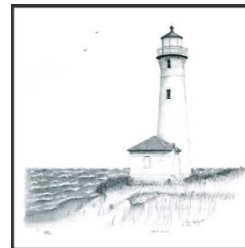
Course Director: Tom Williams

Hou Koda District Scouting Recognitions – Nominations Due by February 11, 2010

Get nominations for the Guiding Light Award in today! – Submit by March 1, 2010

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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?

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

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100th Anniversary Board of Review – February 8, 2010

February Hou Koda Board of Review was held on the actual 100th anniversary of Scouting at Mary Queen of Peace Church. Additional ranks were also earned with the help of troop leadership. It was a great turnout! Those who passed their Boards are listed below.

Eagle

Matthew Weaver
Kevin Coffman
Donald Newlin Jr.
Zachary Decker
Ryan Reno
Blain Meadows
Travis Brink
Daniel Segner
Steven Frankowski



Life

Grason Horvath
Fred Haptonstall

Star

Noah Hefling
Adam Czyzewski

1st Class

Nathaniel Doyle
Sean Napier
Drew Grant

2nd Class

Jacob Claywell

Double Gold Palms

Kameron Ebbing

Silver Palm

Taylor Whipkey

Supercross – February 20, 2010



The Monster Energy AMA Supercross World Championship will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium on February 20 at 7:30 pm. There will be a private scout track walk, and a Q&A session with Miss Supercross on Friday February 19th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Ticket orders must be received by February 2th. The cost is \$10.00 or \$32.00 per person depending on location. Orders must be made using the special form available on the CAC website. Cost includes a ticket to the event, the meet and greet and a Scout patch. This special offer is limited to scout families.

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Marlinspike Skills - March 5-7, 2010



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. Training session will be at 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

Scout Day at the Murat Shrine Circus - March 6, 2010



Scouts and your family and friends are invited to see the 65th Annual Murat Shrine Circus. Performance is at 10 A.M. in the Pepsi Coliseum at Indiana State Fairgrounds (Circus Information: 317-635-2433) You are also invited to have a private behind the scenes tour prior to the circus! To receive these specially priced tickets and tour invitations you must return the special form on the CAC website to Murat at the address specified no later than February 19, 2010. Tour will begin at 8AM and end 9AM, scouts will have an opportunity to purchase ride tokens after tour as well.

Wood Badge Scholarship Benefit Dinner - Saturday, March 13, 2010

The Wood Badge Association of Crossroads of America Council cordially invite you and your guest(s) for an evening of dining, fun, and fellowship - Camp Belzer Training Center 6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Rekindle the Spirit of Wood Badge or Spark Your Interest.

Wood Badge Memories Parade of Years - Bring along your favorite WB Memorabilia.

Event benefits the Wood Badge Scholarship Fund.

5:00 p.m.- Social Hour / Trading Post / Silent Auction

6:00 p.m.- Dinner & Program with Bead Ceremony

Early Bird Cost is \$20.00/person or \$30.00/couple.

(After Feb. 26th is \$30.00 / person or \$40.00 / couple)

Anything above cost goes to the Scholarship Fund! Full Scout Uniform or Business Attire Appropriate.

R.S.V.P. Deadline for Early Bird is February 26th. For questions or dietary needs, please contact Tim Bouchard or Sherry Webb at the Scout Office: 317-925-1900 Or e-mail: tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org / swebb@crossroadsbsa.org



Hou Koda District Dinner - March 20, 2010



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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 20, at the St Malachy Catholic Church Knoll Hall - 326 N Green St Brownsburg, IN. **All scouts who received their Eagle rank in 2009/2010 are encouraged to attend at no cost.** Dinner will be at 6:00 pm and there will be an Italian buffet Dinner. Cost is \$12.00. Any questions please e-mail Anne - newlinjad@aol.com.

Hou Koda Spring Camporee – April 9-11, 2010



The 100th Anniversary Spring Camporee will be at Camp Krietenstein - Registration begins at 5:00 pm Friday night and continues through 10:00 Saturday Morning. Opening is at 8:30 am opening Saturday, campfire (OA Call Out) 7:30 pm (Please wear your Class 'A' uniform shirt to the campfire and & OA sash if you have one), Scouts Own Sunday - before breakfast (time TBA)
\$6 per person

This will be a weekend Camporee Focusing on Orienteering**

If you missed the Winter Camporee, or if you would like to bring your troop historical display again, we'll have an area for set-up in the dining hall.

The Indiana National Guard will be providing Orienteering instruction and course event.

Planned Events Include:
Orienteering Instruction
Orienteering Event
Semaphore Event
Leaf Identification Event
Adult Event
Mystery Displays
Informational Displays
Campsite Inspection



"10 essentials" - each boy will need his 10 essentials, PLUS A SACK LUNCH for use during the orienteering course. One adult from each troop will be needed to assist with the Orienteering Event. Any Questions contact Mark Allen at markproducts@aol.com or 317-839-5607

*No electronics

** Please let us know how many boys you will be bringing; Ballpark number by 3/3, Firm by 4/1, so that we may plan group instruction

Voyageur Canoe Training



This is a 2 weekend course and attendance is required at both weekends. The objective of the course is to prepare adults to take the voyageur program back to the troop and conduct safe canoe outings including high adventure trips. By attending the course you will also earn Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and the Paddle Craft Safety Certifications.

The cost of these courses is \$79.00, additional info can be found at www.crossroadsbsa.org. The dates offered below are:

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Spring 2010:

1st Weekend is April 24-25

2nd Weekend is May 1-2

Fall 2010:

1st Weekend is September 11-12

2nd Weekend is September 18-19

Lemonade Day – May 2, 2010

What is Lemonade Day? Lemonade Day is a city-wide initiative designed to teach kids how to start, own and operate their own business - a lemonade stand!

Ways to Sign Up for Lemonade Day (Registration form must be signed by consenting adult & include an email)

- Return completed form to the Lemonade Day partner who gave it to you
- Fax your form to 317-818-1270
- Register online at www.lemonadeday.org and click "Indianapolis"

Mail your form to Lemonade Day - Lemonade Day, 1150 W. 116th Street, Carmel, IN 46032

Do you want to begin summer with Extra Cash in your pocket? Join your friends and make some money on Lemonade Day. Open a successful business and be your own boss—it's easy and fun. Thousands of kids will operate lemonade stands across the city on May 2nd, 2010. Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity to learn exciting new business skills while you turn a profit. Everyone who signs up receives a free backpack and is eligible to win prizes!

Lemonade Day helps youth learn to:

- Set Goals • Purchase Supplies
- Plan for Success • Make A Product
- Find Investors • Serve Their Customers
- Advertise Their Product • Account For Sales and Expenses
- Build A Stand • Open A Bank Account
- Give back to the Community - Sign up a youth TODAY!

For more information, please contact Jami Marsh, JMarsh@thinkforwardfoundation.org This is a 2

2011 Garden Island High Adventure Program – July 26, 2011 – August 6, 2011



Crossroads of America Council - 2011 Garden Island High Adventure Program - Inaugural Learning Excursion to the Hawaiian Island of Kauai - **All applications due to CAC Office by April 30, 2010.** Council cannot promise that any applications received after that date will be given equal consideration.

Trip Dates: July 26, 2011 - August 6, 2011 (dates subject to possible slight change)

This unique High Adventure Program will consist of learning opportunities for those Scouts and Crew members who are planning for, or at least, considering a CAREER in any of the following areas: Aquatic Recreation, Art/Photography, Avian Studies, Aviation, Botany, Climatology & Climate Change, Cultural Studies, Environmental Management, Geology, Ichthyology, Invasive Species, Linguistics, Oceanography, Parks & Recreation, Tourism, and Zoology. Although any registered Scout or Venturer (who is qualified otherwise) can apply, there will be a preference given for the selection of participants with

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applicable career intentions. For the most part, our specialized program itinerary will NOT resemble any typical Hawaiian trip organized by a travel agency.

Age and physical requirements: must be 15 years old by January 1, 2011 and not yet 21 years old by August 6, 2011 - must be physically fit and able to hike long distances in mountainous terrain. Participants must meet Philmont height/weight requirements.

Total cost of trip: \$1,500 per participant - includes round-trip air fare, lodging, and ALL meals. It will NOT include personal purchase choices, such as souvenirs and personal sundries needed after arrival, such as deodorant, toothpaste, sun block, educational materials, etc.

Tentative payments schedule: (Non-payment or late payment will result in forfeiture of applicant's reserved place in the program and an alternate will be chosen to replace the dropped Crew member.)

1st payment of \$500 due on or before July 20, 2010
2nd payment of \$500 due on or before Sept. 20, 2010
Final payment of \$500 due on or before Nov. 20, 2010

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming District Events

February 11, 2010	Boy Scout, Cub Scout Roundtable	Messiah Lutheran Church
February 20, 2010	Monster Energy Supercross	Lucas Oil Stadium
February 26, 2010	Early Bird Registration Deadline for Wood Badge Association Dinner	
March 5-7, 2010	Marlinspike Skills Training	Camp Belzer
March 6, 2010	Murat Shrine Circus - Scout Day	Pepsi Coliseum - Indiana State Fairgrounds
March 20, 2010	District Awards Dinner	St Malachy Catholic Church
March 31, 2010	Deadline for VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Applications	
April 9-11, 2010	Spring Camporee - Orienteering	Camp Krietenstein
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April 30, 2010	Applications due for Garden Island High Adventure	CAC Office
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September 18-19, 2010	Voyageur Canoe Training - Fall 2 nd weekend	Camp Belzer
September 25-27, 2010	Wood Badge Training - Fall Course 2 nd session	Camp Kikthawenund
October 29-31, 2010	Fall Camporee - Backpacking	Camp Ransburg
July 26-Aug 6, 2011	Garden Island High Adventure	Kauai, Hawaii

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

www.macscouter.com

www.raceintoscouting.org

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317-925-1900

Your District Leadership Team

District Chair: Butch Straber
District Executive (HKA): Carolyn Small (317) 925-1900 (ext. 229)
District Executive (HKB): Josh Reckelhoff (317) 925-1900 (ext. 232)
District Commissioner: Troy Crum
District Program Chair: Bill Munson
District Advancement Chair: Dean Stevens (317) 989-8320
District PR Chair/ 100th Anniv Chair: Brenda Smith (317) 745-7040
District Training Chair: Ann Newlin (317) 858-1815
District Finance Chair: Eric Eddleman
District Webmaster: Brian Hazelton

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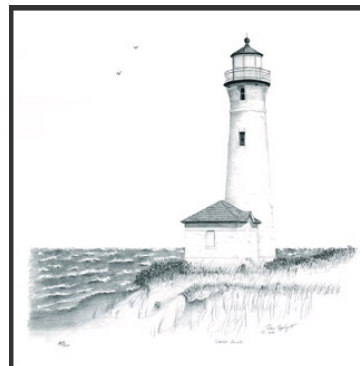
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A Chairman of a Committee
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ANYPLACE YOU MIGHT FIND A SCOUTING
VOLUNTEER AT WORK!!



**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

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VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Application

Instructions: Complete this application and secure official approval and authorization from the VFW Post Commander and the local council Scout executive. From your local council Scout executive, obtain the dates and location of Wood Badge courses and enter days and locations of the course you select.

Return to: Boy Scouts of America
Volunteer Development, S209
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038

Return NO LATER than March 31, 2010

I wish to be considered for a scholarship to attend the following Wood Badge training:

Course No. _____ Dates _____

Location _____ BSA region _____

Candidate

Name _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City, state, zip _____

Sex _____ Age _____ marital status _____ Children _____ Ages _____

Membership in other organizations _____

VFW Information

*Current member of VFW Post No. _____ City, state, zip _____

VFW offices held _____

VFW Post Commander Certification _____

Commander's signature required.

*VFW members in **good standing only** may apply. **Please make sure to include your Post number.**

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