



Hou Koda District NewsLetter

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

Where were the May and June Hou Koda Newsletters?

I didn't get them completed! Several people have asked if they were removed from the mailing list. NO, no one was removed. My schedule the last few months has been very hectic, and I just ran out of time. I hope there were no major items missed! Brenda Smith - PR Chair, Hou Koda District

New District Executive in Hou Koda



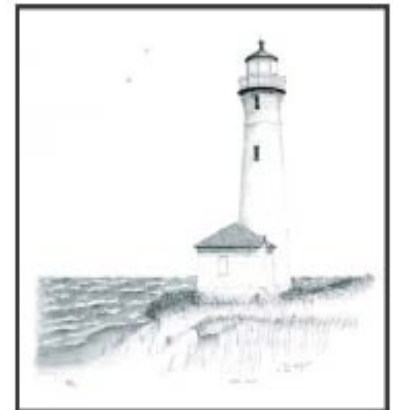
Shannon Updike recently joined the staff of the council, serving as a District Executive in Hou Koda. Shannon is a recent graduate of Hanover College, and her experience in community service and activities will be helpful as she serves the many volunteers in Hou Koda. Shannon's service area will include western Marion County and the Plainfield area.

2005 Hou Koda Guiding Light Recipients

What is a GUIDING LIGHT? A guiding light is the volunteer in your pack, troop, team, or crew that most exemplifies Scouting spirit in their actions and in their commitment to Scouting.

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. The following recipients received their awards at the March 11, 2005 District Awards Dinner.



PACKS

97 Judy Wistendahl
305 Jodi Latta
308 Belinda Balz
310 Becky Hummel
377 Shannon Nicholson
393 Chris Schuler
394 Tony Buschman
396 Dr. G. Lyman Shaw
411 Thomas Dennis

TROOPS

97 Jerry Luedeman
301 Pat McNabb
302 Brenda Smith
304 Kathy Baker
396 Anne Newlin

PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY - PROGRAM LEADER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH

If you are interested in a part time career that is flexible, rewarding and makes a difference in the lives of youth then become a Reaching for Tomorrow (RFT) Program Leader. You will work with special needs children in classrooms during the school day with programs designed to enhance the needs of teachers. An RFT program leader offers a work schedule of August through May with the summer off to relax and enjoy! For more information contact Linda Focken at 317-925-1900 Ext 225 or e-mail lfocken@crossroadsbsa.org

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Roundtable – July 14, 2005 – Cub Scouts Only!

This roundtable will be only for Cub Scouts. Boy Scout roundtable did not meet in June and will not meet in July. The next Boy Scout roundtable will be at Kickoff, Thursday, August 11, 2005. Cub Scout roundtable continues through the summer.

District Board of Review - June & July

Even though there will be no Boy Scout roundtable, the District Board of Review will continue to meet through the summer. Those dates are specifically June 15th and July 20th.

Merit Badge Training now available On-Line!



Merit Badge Training can now be taken on-line at the Hou Koda web site www.houkoda.org. At the end of the training there is a "card" that must be printed and sent to Marilyn Smith - (317) 271-8068. Additionally there is a new form for Merit Badge Leader sign-up at the ending of the training as well. This will also need to be sent to Marilyn so that she can list you on the web site as a Registered Merit Badge Counselor.

ATTENTION Venture Crews!

Posted on the BSA National site is new information for Venture Crews. Checkout the site at <http://www.scouting.org/venturing/news/index.html>



New Venturing Literature:

Venturing and Your Youth Ministry, No. 25-326

Do you need to reach Christian-based churches? This promotional brochure introduces the Venturing program to youth ministries. It focuses on enhancing churches' young adult program and offers a brief insight into Venturing and how prospective organizations can get started.

Sea Scouts Brochure, No. 25-353

This recently updated brochure gives a young person a glimpse into the wonderful activities of Sea Scouts, communicating the opportunities of joining, traditions of Sea Scouts, and the development of leadership skills.

New Venture Awards:

TRUST Religious and Community Life Award - In the years since Venturing started, the program has been defined by the activities Venture Crews do. Nationally, Religious and Community Life crews form the largest population in Venturing. Following in the tradition of the Quartermaster, Ranger, and Quest awards, a similar, challenging award program has therefore been created for Venturing's religious life emphasis. The TRUST award is a unique opportunity for the youth of Venturing. The Award Handbook should be available in August.



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Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award



While working on the Ranger Shooting Sports elective, Venture's are required to complete one of the following disciplines: air pistol, air rifle, archery, muzzle-loading rifle, shotgun, or small bore rifle. However, Venture's who go beyond the basic requirement and complete five of the six disciplines will earn the Venturing Shooting Sports Outstanding Achievement Award. This beautiful medal and certificate are sponsored by many companies and organizations in the shooting sports industry to recognize outstanding achievement in shooting sports.

Procedure Clarifications:

Venturing Advancement Procedures for 'Venturing Advancement Record Keeping,' 'Venturing Advancement Review,' and 'Eagle Board of Reviews for Venture's,' are available at the site. There is also the Venturing Firearms Policy Revision for Guide to Safe Scouting"

2005 Boy Scout Summer Camp

Ransburg Scout Reservation - It's time for your troop to attend camp! Our staff is excited and ready for you to join us. New for the summer of 2005 is our remodeled Scoutmaster's lounge, Internet access for Scout leaders, more rocking chairs and FUN for all who attend. We have a great staff and an exciting schedule planned for you and your entire troop. Limited space is still available, so please contact one of our Scout offices to make a reservation.



Ransburg 2005 camp dates

Week 6 July 10 - July 16 Week 8 July 24 - July 30
Week 7 July 17 - July 23 Week 9 July 31 - August 6

Camp Krietenstein - Camp Director Roger Frese, Program Director Jimmy Mitchell, and the entire camp staff are ready and waiting for you and your troop to be part of Camp Krietenstein this summer. The program is set, the tents will be put up, and all we need is you!

Krietenstein 2005 camp dates

Week 3 July 3 - July 9 Week 4 July 10 - July 16 Week 5 July 17 - July 23

2005 Cub Scout Camp

Day Camp - Lets all go around the world in 80 days at day camp this summer. Cub Scouts will enjoy the fun and excitement of day camp and be treated to the special programs offered by this year's theme of Around the World in 80 days. Space is going fast, so call today if your pack is not yet signed up.

2005 Belzer Day Camp dates

Week 4 July 4 - July 8 Week 7 July 25 - July 29
Week 5 July 11 - July 15 Week 8 August 1 - August 5
Week 6 July 18 - July 22



Rotary Day Camp July 11 - July 15 **Kikthawenund Day Camp** August 1 - August 5

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Webelos Adventure Camp - Every Bear Scout who is about to move up to Webelos and all



first year Webelos Scouts who are moving up to second year Webelos should be ready for the summer of a lifetime. The theme of Cub Scouting's 75th Anniversary will provide extra fun and excitement to the **great** program that is offered at Webelos Adventure Camp.

Webelos Adventure 2005 camp dates

Session 7 July 6 - July 9

Session 10 July 17 - July 20

Session 8 July 10 - July 13

Session 11 July 20 - July 23

Session 9 July 13 - July 16

White Stag – Junior Leadership Training 2005

- July 10 - July 16, 2005 - Redwing Scout Camp - final payment July 4
- July 24 - July 30, 2005 - Krietenstein Scout Camp - final payment July 18



White Stag is a 7-day outdoor experience for youth leaders in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. The objectives of White Stag are to give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program, basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and how to relate them to their home troop, opportunities to share ideas and experiences with other Scouts, a place to experience Scouting at it's best, enhance the relationship between the Scoutmaster and the participant and to have **fun**. All participants must be age 13 and First Class by the first day of their selected course. Cost is \$135.00 and includes all food and training materials. A deposit of \$25.00 per scout should accompany the reservation form, with the balance of \$110.00 remitted by the final date above. Payments may be made at any of the council offices. Courses are Sunday with check-in 8-9:30 am to Saturday morning with closing ceremonies ending by noon. Contact any of the following people to answer questions:

Bruce Henry, White Stag Coordinator, 317-443-6049

Dave Largent, June Session Director, 765-286-8492

Steve Williams, July Session Director, 317-280-1880

Tom Bradley, Krietenstein Session Director, 317-856-4099

SCOUT BASKETBALL CLINIC with Darnell Hillman – Saturday, July 23, 2005



Summer activity you won't want to miss! Join former Pacers player Darnell Hillman on the Main Court of Conseco Fieldhouse. For the \$30 cost you will receive:

- The opportunity for one Scout to participate in the clinic on the Main Court at Conseco Fieldhouse.
 - Two (\$15) tickets to the Indiana Fever game on July 29.
 - Two coupons good for a free hot-dog, bag of chips and small Pepsi product.
 - Two coupons good for a free Indiana Fever T-Shirt.
- Cub Scouts can qualify for your basketball Sports Pin!

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Camp space is LIMITED to the first 150 Scouts, so complete and return the order form at the web site below TODAY! Suggested ages for the clinic are 5-12. Additional tickets are \$15.00 - For each additional ticket purchased, you will also receive one voucher good for a free hot dog, bag of chips and small Pepsi product and one voucher good for a free Indiana Fever T-Shirt! Tickets are subject to availability.

http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/activities/info/Scout%20Clinic_CH.pdf

2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree - July 25-August 3, 2005 Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

Crossroads of America Council is sending 6 troops of 240 Scouts and leaders to the jamboree - make plans now to attend. We are now accepting deposits to reserve youth spots for this once in a lifetime adventure. The council contingent should be full by Fall 2004. Don't forget that the next jamboree after 2005 will be in 2010. Specific age requirements will disqualify most of today's youth from attending the 2010 jamboree, so for most of our Scouts, the 2005 jamboree will be the only opportunity! Check the Crossroads web site for additional information



Hou Koda Kickoff – August 11, 2005

Everyone is invited to Hou Koda's Kickoff on August 11 at the Avon Christian Church. We have fun and exciting events planned. Also, each unit can learn about what is new in Hou Koda for the upcoming Scout Year. Be sure your ready with School Night dates, and to sign your unit up to sell popcorn. Hou Koda needs every unit represented at the kickoff. Let's make this kickoff the best ever as we **Race into Scouting!**

CAC is planning a Venture Crew Luau - August 27-28, 2005



CAC is planning a Luau for all CAC Venturing Crews (bring a friend not registered with Venturing). Games and activities will include; Scuba, Mountain Bikes, Canoeing, Water Balloon Fight, Frisbee Golf, BB Guns, and much more! Camp Kikthawenund in Frankton, IN (Anderson area) will be the location on Saturday through Sunday. The Cost is approx \$20 - 25 (this will included activities, dinner and breakfast Sunday morning). **Pre-registration due by June 15.**

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday:

Registration 12:00 pm
Activities 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Luau Dinner 6:00 pm
Evening Activities 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday:

Breakfast 8:00 am
Scout Own Service 8:30 am
Service to Camp 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Aloha (depart) Noon

If you have any ideas for activities (discuss: climbing wall, scavenger-hunt, DJ dance, movie night, etc) please let Kathy Baker know. Let's plan on Hou Koda having the largest group represented. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy at 317-838-0681 H, 317-632-4177-W. Visit <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/> for additional information. You may also contact Nat Baker at nbaker@crossroadsbsa.org

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Scout Overnight at the Indianapolis Air Show - August 27 & 28, 2005 – Mt. Comfort Airport

Plan on attending an overnight at the Mr. Comfort Airport. Submit the form at the following link:

<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/activities/info/Scout%20Overnight%20at%20the%20Indianapolis%20Air%20Show.pdf>

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday

12:00 - 4:30 Air show

5:00 - 6:00 Return to cars for equipment and set up tents

5:30 - 6:30 Dinner and view static displays

7:00 - 7:30 Special aviation presentation

7:30 Movie on 22' x 26' screens then return to camp



Sunday

6:00 - 8:00 Breakfast

8:30 Tents down and all equipment is returned to cars

Wood Badge Advanced Leader Training 2005

Start Planning Now! Wood Badge is advanced leader training started in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. Wood Badge training 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 training course in Scouting! In this course, Scouters learn practical leadership skills in a lecture-practice format. The skills taught are applicable to every leader and provide a common foundation for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture programs. The first weekend 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 and your unit. On the second weekend, classroom and outdoor settings help you learn to apply those skills to make you to better function as a lead of teams. Finally, you will have an opportunity to state your goals on a "Ticket" where the actions to achieve the goals are stated. Course fee is @210.00 and covers meals, all equipment and course materials. Your application must be received 40 days before the course you choose to attend. Please consult the Wood Badge flyer for additional information.

Course C-14-05 – Aug 27-29 and Sept 24-26 – Course Director is Bill Munson

The first weekend, August 27-29 is at Camp Ransburg. The second weekend, September 24-26 is at Camp Kikthawenund. Arrival time is 7:30 am, and departure is 6:00 pm for all sessions. Bill Munson can be located via the following location; (317) 698-4850, 800-779-2036, wmunson8@earthlink.net.

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Hou Koda / Council Venturing Roundtable - Thursday, September 8, 2005



Roundtable at Avon Christian Church is open to Advisors and Crew Members. Topic: "Leave No Trace". The event will be held at the shelter house behind the church with "Leave No Trace" demonstrations. Learn how to make "Poop Soup" and "Coke Can Camp Stoves".

Order of the Arrow - Fall Fellowship – September 16-18, 2005

The fall fellowship is the weekend of September 16-18 at Camp Kikthawenund. There will be teaching sessions on Indian chokers, beading, leather medicine bags, and moccasins. The opportunity to complete your Brotherhood will be available during the weekend. Review the requirements in your OA handbook. The 2005 Vigil Class will be introduced and the 2006 Lodge officers will be elected.

Public Relations Orientation for Scribes - September 15, 2005 or September 27, 2005

Are you your troop's Scribe or Historian? Like to tell people about the fun and excitement of Scouting? Want to earn requirements for the following merit badges:

- Public Speaking
- Journalism
- Photography

Then help your troop promote Scout recognitions and activities by serving as their Public Relations Chair! Learn all about it (as well as special recognitions and a cool patch) by attending one of these exciting orientations. *Scouts can bring parents or their troop leaders. Troops and their leaders can also attend without a Scout representative.*



Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at:

- Our Lady of the Greenwood, Madonna Hall, 335 South Meridian Street Greenwood, IN 46143
- or
- Park Place Church of God 501 College Drive Anderson, IN 46012

Thursday, September 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at:

- Second Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall 7700 North Meridian Street

Please RSVP or ask more questions by contacting Council Public Relations Director, Gina Farrar at gfarrar@crossroadsbsa.org or PR Chair John Harkey at jtharkey@iquest.net.

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CAC Outdoor Adventures Days - Friday, Sept 23 - Sunday, Sept 25, 2005

Go beyond the Merit Badge or take your leadership to the next level. This event at Ransburg Scout Reservation will have Scouts concentrating on one outdoor pursuit, brought to you by local and national organizations. Scouts will have a choice from real rock adventures to free style paddling. There will be off camp and overnight trek options. Details of the event will emerge before units start their annual planning this spring.

Archery (Bow Hunting Emphasis)

Backpacking

Canoeing

Caving

Cope

Fish and Wildlife Management

Fishing

Fly Fishing

Geology

LNT Backpacking

Mountain Biking

Orienteering

Photography

Rock Climbing

Sea Kayaking

Shooting Sports

Small Boat Sailing

Order of the Arrow Lodge Fall Ordeal – October 14 – 16, 2005

Fall Ordeal will be October 14-16 at Camp Red Wing, Muncie, IN. This is a great opportunity to seal your membership by completing your Brotherhood. Please plan to attend.

Fall Camporee – November 4-6, 2005

Start making plans now for the Fall Camporee. It will be at camp Kikthawenund the emphasis will be High Adventure. As always, you will want to "be prepared." Winter Camporee will be at Camp Wildwood.

The Leadership Development - November 18-20, 2005

The Leadership Development weekend is going to be an awesome event! If you've been before, come again - it's all new. Arrowmen will be training Urban Scouts on Saturday in leadership and Scouting skills. The Lodge officers are really excited about the possibilities. All Arrowmen are invited to participate, so put it on your calendar. Your experience, knowledge and sharing is what this is all about.

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World Friendship Fund

The World Friendship Fund of the Boy Scouts of America offers a practical "Good Turn" opportunity for Boy Scouts of America youth members, and leaders. Tax-deductible contributions can be from individuals, units, camp, and training course groups. Unit participation in the World Friendship Fund offers a unique annual service project to benefit other Scouts from around the world. This fund was developed during the closing days of World War II. At that time, there was a great need to rebuild Scouting in those nations that had been wracked by war. In the years that have elapsed, virtually every nation in the free world that has Scouting has been aided by the fund. Through the Fund, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects that help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their Scouting programs.



This year's projects for the World Friendship Fund include helping:

- Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP) with the Young Electors Project
- Next Generation Chalet Project at the Kandersteg International Scout Center
- support to the Assistant Director for Programme Development for the African Regional Office
- also proposing to send funds to the Southeast Asia, Pacific, Arab, and African regions hit by the tsunami disaster.

Since the beginning of the World Friendship Fund, more than \$1 million has been voluntarily donated by American Scouts and leaders to these self-help activities. If you have any questions about the World Friendship Fund or if you would like more details about the International Scouting Committee, please contact Carol Bick, International Representative, at cshinzl@iupui.edu or Bob Meador at bmead314@aol.com.

2006 Silver Beaver Award Fact Sheet and Instructions



The Silver Beaver award is presented in recognition of a volunteer's noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth in our 25 county area. The service may be of a non-Scouting nature. It need not be limited to Scouting activities. The nominee shall be registered currently as a volunteer Scout leader in the Crossroads of America Council and be at least 21 years of age. Nominations will not be considered for former professional Scouters or council employees within 5 years of their leaving any form of employment with the BSA. A council committee comprised of current holders of the Silver Beaver Award and representing all districts, select the award recipients. Silver Beaver's are awards at University of Scouting in January. Please observe the following:

1. Please print or type. Use BLACK INK because the nomination form has to be copied for each member of the committee.
2. BE AS SPECIFIC as you can with name, unit numbers, districts, councils, chartered partners, youth ranks, adult awards and recognition, dates, current registered position, etc.
3. ORGANIZE the narrative to:
 - a. DESCRIBE the Scouting activity as a youth. Do not repeat what has already been reported in the YOUTH MEMBERSHIP section of SCOUT BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

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- b. DESCRIBE the noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth that has been given as an adult to Scouting. Do not repeat what has been reported in ADULT LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE or SPECIAL SCOUTING AWARDS AND RECOGNITION.
- c. DESCRIBE the noteworthy service of exceptional character that has been given to youth outside of Scouting. REPORT any special recognition that was received from this activity.
- d. DESCRIBE any non-youth service to church, community, professional societies, etc. REPORT any special recognition that was received from this activity.
4. Do NOT forget to record your name, address and phone number.

Nominations are due by September 30, 2005 to Silver Beaver Selection Committee, Crossroads of America Council, BSA, PO Box 1966, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1966 or fax to (317) 921-3477. Forms are available at the Crossroads Web site.

**SCRAPBOOKING Supplies now available at all Crossroads of America Council Scout shops.
Supplies include several different papers and stickers.**



Mark your Calendar for Upcoming District Events

<u>Calendar Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
July 8 - 10, 2005	Firecrafter Mid-summer Ritual	
July 10 - 16, 2005	White Stag Junior Leadership Training	Camp Redwing
July 14, 2005	Roundtable - Cub Scouts only	Avon Christian Church - 7:00
July 15, 2005	Adult Fire Crafter cooking with Russ	
July 18, 2004	White Stage \$ due for week 7/24 - 7/30	
July 23, 2005	Scout Basketball Clinic - with Darnell Hillman	Conseco Fieldhouse
July 24 - 30, 2005	White Stag Junior Leadership Training	Camp Krietenstein
July 25-August 3, 2005	National Scout Jamboree	Fort A.P.Hill, Virginia
August 11, 2005	Hou Koda District Kickoff	Avon Christian Church - 7:00 pm
August 19 - 21, 2005	Firecrafter Grand Ritual	
August 27 - 28, 2005	Venturing Luau	Camp Kikthawenund
August 27 - 28, 2005	Indianapolis Air Show - Overnight	Mount Comfort Airport
August 27 - 29, 2005	Wood Badge Training - Course C-14-05 First Weekend	Camp Ransburg
September 8, 2005	Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Venturing Roundtable	Avon Christian Church 7:00 pm
September 15, 2005	Orientation for Scribes - PR Chairs	Various

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September 16-18, 2005	OA Fall Fellowship	Camp Kikthawenund
September 23 - 25, 2005	Outdoor Adventure Days	Ransburg Scout Reservation
September 24-26, 2005	Wood Badge Training - Course C14-05 Second Weekend	Camp Kikthawenund
September 27, 2005	Orientation for Scribes - PR Chairs	Second Presbyterian Church - N. Meridian
September 30, 2005	Silver Beaver Nominations are due	Council office
October 14-16, 2005	OA Fall Ordeal	Camp Red Wing - Muncie, IN
November 4-6, 2005	Fall Camporee - Emphasis: High Adventure	Camp Kikthawenund
November 18-20, 2005	OA Leadership Development weekend	

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.houkoda.org

www.macscouter.com

www.raceintoscouting.org

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