



# Hou Koda District NewsLetter

2009

New Website: [www.houkodadistrict.org](http://www.houkodadistrict.org)

June

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

## Hou Koda District Roundtable – **No Roundtable in June and July**

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting – Planning is underway

Be sure to be watching for 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter. Any questions; contact Brenda Smith [bksmith856@aol.com](mailto:bksmith856@aol.com)



### HK Training Chair Update – Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Class Faces a Hailstorm and...

The Hou Koda district conducted its first Introduction to Outdoor Leadership class on May 29th to the 31st. Twelve (12) leaders attended the class. Two patrols were formed. The course scoutmaster (Ed Beck) and the Senior Patrol Leader (Mark Allen) welcomed everyone and the camp started with the flag raising ceremony. Friday night was spent learning about the patrol method, leave no trace, and camp selection.

At 7:00 am, Patrol One conducted the flag raising ceremony, then after a brief breakfast the day started with various lectures. Participants spent the day learning how to properly use knives and axes, as well as how to tie knots. Other activities included, learning about plants and animals, and camp cooking. Properly started camp fires progressed to Hobo lunches.

Campfire time soon came and the sky moved from a bright blue to a gray cloudy color. Once the impressive camp fire was set ablaze and as the fire spread cheer amongst the campers, the weather warning horns started to blare. So everyone moved to Camp Belzer's dinning hall for cover.

The two Patrols ran to their campsite and retrieved what was most critical, their cooking Dutch ovens. The campfire ceremony continued while the storm raged on. Everyone enjoyed an amazing assortment of Dutch oven desserts. Sunday, participants learned how to use map and compass and learned about the essentials of backpacking. Overall, the Outdoor Leadership Class was a tremendous success and the storm reminded everyone to complete their Severe Weather training. Special thanks go to the Staff who went out of their way to ensure the leaders received the best training. Submitted by District Training Chair: Samer Lawand

### Youth Protection Training and Introduction to Scouting – Provided at HK roundtables

#### Uniform Exchange Project

The Boy Scouts of America proudly announces the Sleeves for Scouts campaign. We are asking Scouts and Scouters to gather up all the clean, wearable uniform shirts they have outgrown and no longer use. The shirts will be donated to Scouts in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and other places around the world where young boys are waiting to put on a uniform and feel that sense of pride you remember so well. Your council international representative will be receiving promotional instructions and a supply of posters, fliers, and

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buttons. This is the ultimate Good Turn. It will provide two giant smiles - one on the face of that shirt's new owner and a huge smile on YOUR face when you help a fellow international Scout in need!

### **New Annual Medical Form**

The Boy Scouts of America have released a new physical form that should be utilized immediately. The deadline for usage of the form will be January 1, 2010, but the form should be used from now on when a Scout or Scouter gets a doctor's physical or needs to update the old Class I, II, or III medical form. The Class I, II, and III physical forms should no longer be utilized but will be accepted until January 1, 2010.

### **Boy Scouts Leader Training**

Scoutmaster essentials and Introduction to Outdoor leadership skills will be provided in sequence. This new approach will significantly improve the scout leaders training and ensure that all new and experienced leaders receive their training at the most convenient time.

### **BSA National Hall of Leadership/ Crossroads of America Council **Top 100 Scouts****

As the 100th Anniversary of Scouting approaches in 2010, the Crossroads of America Council and the Boy Scouts of America National Council are working together to find top Scouts who have made a difference in their community through Scouting.

Whether it's a Cubmaster who has served for decades, a Scout who saved a life using first aid skills or an Eagle Scout-turned-C.E.O., we want to hear your story! Nomination forms are available at [Scouting.org/100years](http://Scouting.org/100years). The Crossroads of America Council will select 100 of these nominees to honor as the "Top 100 Scouts" in central Indiana, and one of these honorees will be inducted into the National Leadership Hall of Fame in Texas. Don't miss your chance to honor deserving Scouts across our council! Nominate someone you know today!

All nominations submitted via [Scouting.org/100years](http://Scouting.org/100years) will be considered for the National Hall of Leadership. These nomination forms are available through February 2010. However, **Only Nominations submitted by August 31, 2009 will be considered for the top 100 Scouts in Crossroads of America Council.** Nominees for the National Hall of Leadership must be living Scouts or Scouters. The Top 100 Scouts of Crossroads of America Council is also open to those influential Scouts and Scouters who have passed away. Nomination forms in memorial of these Scouters are available by emailing [ScoutStories@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:ScoutStories@crossroadsbsa.org). These nominations also must be submitted by Aug. 31, 2009. For more information, please contact Shelly Grimes at (317) 925-1900.

### **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](mailto:allen@indyblueprints.com). School Night Orientation Training before Kickoff August 13, 2009 at Messiah Lutheran Church from 6:00 - 6:30 pm

### **Council Accepting Trade Vendors**

One component of the council's Major Gifts Campaign will be the construction of a new Program and Education Center adjacent to Camp Belzer. For a limited time, the council is accepting the names of

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businesses friendly to Scouting that should be considered in the design and development process (example: electricians, plumbers, concrete, etc.). Work will be assigned on a competitive bid process by the general contractor. For more information or to submit vendor names, contact Kevin McPherson, Director of Support Services, at [kmcphers@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:kmcphers@crossroadsbsa.org)

### 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>

### 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 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.

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## 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](http://www.holidayworld.com) for park information and directions.

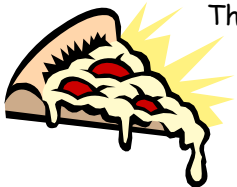


## Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market & Festival – June 27 & 28, 2009

- Experience Native American dancing and music
- Make your own beadwork and other hands-on activities
- Opportunity to volunteer for free admission for your whole family
- See Native American art and demonstrations
- Try Native American food
- Scouts can bring the flyer on the Crossroads site, for a free central patch, then earn rockers at the event (\$1 each)
- Adults are \$10, youth 17 and under are free
- Fee includes admission to the Museum



## Pizza Train – July 17, 2009



The Pizza Train Plus is a very popular excursion which departs from our museum, located in beautiful Forest Park, Noblesville, IN. The train travels approximately 45 minutes to Tipton, IN where you may dine at one of 3 restaurants:

Jim Dandy  
Pizza King  
Pizza Shack

After dinner you will board the train and enjoy the view on your ride back. We'll have you back in the park by 8:15pm. Note: Advanced reservations are required and may be made by calling 317 773 6000. When booking your reservation, we will ask you for your restaurant choice and request payment at time of reservation. We accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover.

We recommend that you plan on arriving 30 to 45 minutes ahead of time so that you can park, use the restroom and pick up your tickets at the museum gift shop desk.

Time: 5:00PM

Where: Indiana Transportation Museum - Forest Park  
701 Cicero Road (SR 19)  
Noblesville, IN 46060

Cost: \$12 Adults

\$8 Children ages 2-12

Train Fare-Meal is paid for at the restaurant

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## 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



Please find more information under "Venturing" at: <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/>. If you have any questions please contact Ted Klick at [tklick@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto: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

## Program Kickoff Roundtable – August 13, 2009

Roundtable begins again in August with Kickoff at Messiah Lutheran Church in Brownsburg. Each area represented will have a table with materials for the new Scouting year. There

## 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

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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.

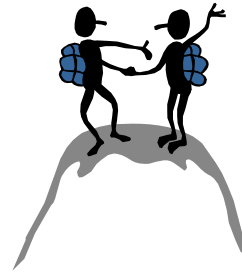
Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

## 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](mailto:staylor@sill.com)  
Contact Tim Bouchard at 317-925-1900 or by email at [tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org)

## Hou Koda District Fall Camporee – October 24 – 26, 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](mailto: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

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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](http://www.marlinspikeskills.com) . For any questions please contact us: Chief Knothead: Gary Summers [67sgsummers@att.net](mailto:67sgsummers@att.net) (317) 213-5476) 1st Ass't Knothead: Eric Wickizer / (317) 398-7805 [ekwick@att.net](mailto:ekwick@att.net) DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP IS FEB. 15, 2010

## 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](mailto:tbouchard@crossroadsbsa.org) or at 1-317-925-1900 Ext. 248.

## Mark your Calendar for Upcoming District Events

June 5, 2009	Scout Campout Night with the Indians	Victory Field
June 12, 2009	Scout Campout Night with the Indians	Victory Field
June 13 - 21, 2009	Summer Scout Splash	Holiday World
August 1 - 9, 2009	Summer Scout Splash	Holiday World
June 27 & 28, 2009	Indian Market & Festival	Eiteljorg Museum
July 17, 2009	Pizza Train	Forest Park, Noblesville
July 26 - August 1, 2009	Venturing Kodiak Youth Leadership Training	Camp Ransburg
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 24 - 26, 2009	Hou Koda Fall Camporee	Kikthawenund Scout Camp
March 5 7, 2010	Marlinspike Skills Training	Camp Belzer

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[www.crossroadsbsa.org](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org)

[www.bsa.scouting.org](http://www.bsa.scouting.org)

[www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org)

[www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com)

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