



Hou Koda District NewsLetter

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

Hou Koda District / Council Venturing Roundtable - Thursday, November 10, 2005

Roundtable at Avon Christian Church is open to Venturing Advisors and Crew Members in addition to Cub and Boy Scout units. Venturing Topics:

November 10, 2005 - "Land Navigation"

December 8, 2005 - "Re-Charter"

January 12, 2006 - "Caving"

Hou Koda District Roundtable – Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Needed!



We are looking for someone to lead the Boy Scout breakout portion of Roundtable. If you are interested, please contact Shelley Sparks at 317-838-9876 or sasparks@ix.netcom.com

Please Verify Your Leader Training Records

Ever wonder what happens to your training information at the Council Office in downtown Indianapolis? If you take a class at a training session, you should be recorded on a "Training Attendance Report" which is then turned in at the council office downtown. It can sometimes take many months for this information into the computer system the use called ScoutNet. Sometimes information disappears and never gets entered into ScoutNet.

Monthly reports are produced from ScoutNet that show each unit's (pack, troop, or crew) training status. Each month, at a Council Staff meeting, Tom Travis, HK Training Chair, meets with the Council Training Director and the other District Training Chairs from around the Crossroads of America Council. At this meeting, Tom receives the "Hou Koda Roster." This report has a page for each unit, some basic information about each registered leader along with a "Y" or "N" in the "Trained Status" column. This "Y" or "N" simply tells whether or not a particular leader is "Trained" for their particular position. It does not tell what specific training each leader does or doesn't have. In order to be trained in your registered position, for example, a Cub Scout Leader would needs Youth Protection, New Leader Essentials, and a Position Specific depending on your registered position.

Every year, units scramble to make sure they have enough "Trained" leaders to earn Quality Unit Award. The source of information that determines whether or not a unit meets the training requirements for Quality Unit is the report described above.

Troopmaster.com, the makers of PackMaster and TroopMaster, came out with a program to be used at the district level called Automatic District Management System (ADMS). In an effort to get a handle on training information we have purchased this program and we are in the process of implementing it. Many districts around the country use ADMS but Hou Koda is the first district within Crossroads of America Council. One capability of ADMS is that it can import data from ScoutNet, which we have done. With ADMS, we are now able to produce a "Training Status Report" which shows the information contained in ScoutNet.

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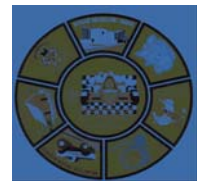
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Tom has published this report on the Hou Koda District Training Site: <http://www.surf-ici.com/houkoda-district-training> near the bottom of the main page close to the Quality Unit Patch where it can be downloaded and reviewed by unit leaders. Now, for the first time ever, unit leaders from the Hou Koda District can download this report and see who is and who isn't trained. This on-line report is updated every time Tom receives training records to record.

Unit Leaders PLEASE download and review this report and gather information from training cards of anything that is missing. Tom will be available at the next couple of Roundtables to record any missing training records so they can be resubmitted to the Council Office for entry into ScoutNet. This will be a large project but our goal is to eventually get a handle on who is trained and more importantly, who needs what training. Submitted by: Tom Travis, Hou Koda Training Chairman

Get Revved Up for the Circuit of Fun!

Look below for monthly activities that you, your family, your den or your unit can participate in! For more info be sure to check out the *upcoming events* section of the Council web page at www.crossroadsbsa.org. Pick up your special *Circuit of Fun* patch at each event! The center patch will be for sale at the Brickyard Bash or by joining the Scout Activity Club.



On-Line Training is Now Available for Cub Scout Leaders

All training classes necessary for a Cub Scout leader to achieved "Trained" status for their registered position are available on-line. The best place to get this training on-line is to go to <http://www.surf-ici.com/houkoda-district-training>. This training is also available at the Crossroads of America Council site but they do not have the video files that go along with the training. If you take this training, please print a copy of your training card for each class and hand it in to either Tom Travis at the Round Table meetings or Shannon Collins, our District Executive at the Scout Office. Shannon and Tom plan to record this training in our local ADMS system before we hand it over to council for entry into their ScoutNet system.

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." The cost for Camporee this time is only \$3.00. **Volunteers are needed to run the events.** Each Troop and Crew is being asked to give a 15-20 minute presentation at their campsite on a High Adventure activity they have done. The presentation should include pictures and testimonials. A complete information packet was provided at the October Roundtable. Please contact John Kivett at 317-694-4399 or 317-839-0221 ore at jpkiv@indy.net with any questions.

Camporee News!

Your district committee is requesting your assistance in locating additional volunteers to fill the open positions on the Camporee Committee. This is necessary to ensure that there is adequate staff to plan the events and make sure the boys have a memorable time at the camporees. Please pole your adult leaders to see if anyone would be interested. Contact Jon Kivett at 694-4399 or 839-0221 or jpkiv@indy.net.



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Pow Wow 75th Birthday Celebration – November 5, 2005



POW WOW 2005--IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!!! Will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at Stonybrook Middle School, 11300 Stonybrook Drive (see map below). Registration begins at 7:45 a.m.

Training makes your job a lot easier.

You will have the opportunity for Basic Training if you haven't had it yet. You can earn reduced camp fees for your Pack! You will meet other Scouters and have a great time! With more than 65 different courses, there is something for everyone! There will be a midway with lots of interesting booths and "Scout Stuff" and get a Pow Wow Goodie Bag with all kinds of useful items. You will be glad you came to Pow Wow 2005!

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Den Chief Training will be offered for registered Boy Scouts who are or will be serving as a Den Chief, as long as they have their Scoutmaster's permission to take the training. There is a charge of \$25 to take this training, and the payment should be included with this application. (***\$15 is Early Bird registration and must be received by October 20, 2005. After 10/20/05, registration fee is the full \$25.***) The course begins at 8:40 and lunch will be included. Training ends at 3:55, and Scouts must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Scout should bring his Den Chief Handbook. Please ensure it has his name and troop number on the book.

Trainer Development Conference – November 12, 2005

James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, was asked in the early day of Scouting to identify the three most important needs of the young Scout organization. After careful thought, Mr. West responded, "*Training, more training, and still more training.*" Training continues to be a top priority of the Crossroads of America Council.



This one-day conference is designed for members of district or council training teams. They may also be Scouters who train commissioners and district committees. They may be pack trainers. The trainer Development Conference is designed to develop and improve the skills of both veteran and prospective trainers. It incorporates numerous training techniques and emphasizes the importance of "learning by doing." The training session demonstrates good training methods and gives participants an opportunity to interact and practice what they have learned. An ongoing learning activity, the "BSA 500" game, is featured and used continuously throughout the conference to emphasize and reinforce the experiential learning.

The conference is located at the Broad Ripple American Legion Post 3, at 64th and College, Indianapolis, and is from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Registration deadline is November 10th. The fee of \$15.00 covers materials, handouts, continental breakfast and lunch. Any questions please contact Skip Nunweiler at 317-841-7683 or Pam Ballard at 317-925-1900.

Circuit of Fun - State Museum / IMAX - November 12, 2005

Get special admission with lots of extra hands on activities including face painting, balloon animals, fossil activity and lots more! Youth fees \$3.50 for museum, \$5 for IMAX, \$8 for the combo. Adult fees \$5.50/\$7.75/\$12.50.

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Wilderness First Aid Basics – November 18 – 20, 2005 at Bear Creek Scout Camp



Registration fee is \$25 for youth Scouts and \$30 for adult leaders along with a BSA Class 3 Physical (covers paperwork, ARC certification, camping fees, equipment, material and patch upon successful completion). If you'd like your own Mountaineering First Aid book the will be an additional \$10 cost.

You are responsible for your own food and trail cooking on Saturday and Sunday. Please make both lunches non-cook. The course involves hiking up to 10 miles around the camp setting. You will need to carry your backpack with provisions for the weekend. This will be used in scenarios as well as for practical purposes. For Venture Crews - Wilderness First Aid is one of the requirements needed for the Ranger Award.

Visit <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/training/index.htm> (link: Wilderness First Aid Basic) for more information and registration form. Please contact CAC to register; a non-refundable \$15 deposit will hold a space until November 1st. If you have any questions please contact Pam Ballard at 317-925-1900 or Jeffrey Pellegrino at Jeffrey@sttoms.com for additional information.

Note: There is currently a WAITING LIST (as of 10/3). Please contact Pam Ballard or Jeffrey Pellegrino to be placed on the list. Keep checking the CAC Training link for upcoming dates in 2006.

The OA Leadership Development - November 18-20, 2005



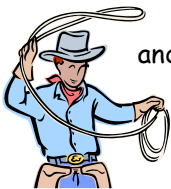
The Leadership Development weekend is going to be an awesome event! If you've been before, come again - it's all new. Arrowmen will be training Urban Scouts on Saturday in leadership and Scouting skills. The Lodge officers are really excited about the possibilities. All Arrowmen are invited to participate,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

Circuit of Fun – Indiana Ice - December 17, 2005

Discounted admission with lots of perks, all Scouts in uniform can come down on the ice after the game and shoot a puck at the goal, best of all you get a souvenir puck! Plus the Ice are giving each Scout their *Circuit of fun patch free!* All for only \$7.



Circuit of Fun - Rodeo - January 7, 2006



Meet real live cowboys and watch while they compete in five championship events: bareback and saddle-bronco riding, steer wrestling, Tie down roping and bull riding. *Free pony rides; youth patches* and special demonstrations are included for \$3 for youth and adults!

Please visit the Hou Koda District Training Website

The official Hou Koda Training Website can be found at <http://www.surf-ici.com/houkoda-district-training>.

This is not the same as clicking on the training link within <http://www.houkoda.org>. If you do go to the Hou Koda site and select "Training Information," the final link to this site is located at the bottom, identified as

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"More Information on District Training." By visiting this site, you can see the latest information on Training Schedule, Training Needed for your Position, On-Line Training, and the updated Training Status Report which shows who is and isn't trained within your unit. This site is updated often and saves you time figuring out what training you need and where to find it. Submitted by Tom Travis, Hou Koda District Training Chair.



Mark your Calendar for Upcoming District Events

<u>Calendar Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Additional Notes</u>
November 4-6, 2005	Fall Camporee - Emphasis: High Adventure	Camp Kikthawenund
November 5, 2005	Pow Wow	Stoneybrook School
November 10, 2005	Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Venture Roundtable	Avon Christian Church 7:00 pm
November 10, 2005	Registration deadline for Trainer Development conference	
November 12, 2005	State Museum / IMAX - Circuit of Fun	State Museum
November 12, 2005	Trainer Development Conference	Broad Ripple American Legion Post #3
November 18-20, 2005	Wilderness First Aid Basics	Bear Creek Scout Camp
November 18-20, 2005	OA Leadership Development weekend	
December 17, 2005	Indiana Ice - Circuit of Fun	
January 7, 2006	Rodeo - Circuit of Fun	

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

<http://www.surf-ici.com/houkoda-district-training>

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Council Training Available

NLE = New Leaders Essentials YP = Youth Protection, CSS = Cub Scout Specific, SMS = Scoutmaster Specific, COR = Chartered Org. Rep., OLS = Outdoor Leader Skills, OWL = Outdoor Webelos Leader, UTT = Unit Trainer Training, VS = Venturing Specific, BALOO = Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation, TCC = Troop Committee Challenge, DNC = Den Chief Training, WST = Webelos-to-Scout Transition Training, HS = Health & Safety

District	Training	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Del-Mi	NLE	11/12/2005	8:30 am - 10:30 am	TBD	Dana Rigg at 317-577-8012
Del-Mi	YP	11/12/2005	10:30 am - noon	TBD	Dana Rigg at 317-577-8012
Del-Mi	CSS	11/12/2005	12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	TBD	Dana Rigg at 317-577-8012
Del-Mi	SMS	11/12/2005	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	TBD	Dana Rigg at 317-577-8012
Del-Mi	VS	11/12/2005	10:30 am - 4:30 pm	TBD	Dana Rigg at 317-577-8012
Del-Mi	OLS	11/18-19/2005	7 pm Fri - 7 pm Sat.	TBD	Dana Rigg at 317-577-8012
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Pioneer	NLE, CSS	11/12/2005	8 am	Otterbein UM Church	Carol Wiker at 317-356-9678
Pioneer	NLE, CSS, COR	12/10/2005	8 am	Otterbein UM Church	Carol Wiker at 317-356-9678
Council	Pow Wow	11/5/2005	8 am - 4 pm	Stoneybrook School	Pam Ballard at 317-925-1900
Council	Trainer Development Conference	11/12/2005	8:30 am - 5 pm	Broad Ripple Am Legion Post #3	Skip Nunweiler 317/841-7683
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Council	White Stag(NYLT)	6/11-17, 2006	2pm Sun to 11:30am Sat	Red Wing	Dave Largent 765/286-8492
Council	White Stag(NYLT)	7/16-22,2006	2pm Sun to 11:30am Sat	Red Wing	Steve Williams 317/874-0049
Council	White Stag(NYLT)	7/30-8/5,2006	2pm Sun to 11:30am Sat	Krietenstein	Dan Runshe 765/525-6024
Council	Wood Badge - weeklong course	5/1-6/ 2006		Red Wing	
Council	Wood Badge - 2 weekend course	8/26-28/2006 19/16-18/2006		Ransburg Bear Creek	
Council	Marlinspike Skills	3/3-5/2006	7pm Fri- 1pm Sun	Camp Belzer	Gary Summers (317)881-6853
Council	Pow Wow	11/4/2006	8 am - 4 pm		Pam Ballard at 317-925-1900
Council	University of Scouting	1/21/2006	8 am - 4 pm	Warren Central High School	Pam Ballard at 317-925-1900