



March 2015 Hou Koda District Newsletter

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

March Roundtable / District Awards Dinner – Thursday – March 12, 2015

The 2015 Hou Koda District Dinner is TONIGHT - Thursday, March 12th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Plainfield LDS Church, 2125 Reeves Road. Join us for a great time of good food, fellowship, and the chance to celebrate our accomplishments and recognize our leaders for all their hard work. The dinner is open to ALL our Scouting volunteers, Scouts, and families in Hou Koda! Costs are as follows:

2014 Eagle Scouts - FREE!

Adults - \$10 through 3/11, \$15 the day of the event

Children - \$5 through 3/11, \$10 the day of the event

Nominations are in, and we've got a GREAT group of leaders that we'll be honoring at the event. But, we need YOU to celebrate with us! If you haven't done so yet, please make sure to go online and register as soon as possible so that we can get the caterer our numbers for the event.

AL WHITE Memorial Trail – 3rd Annual Hike - March 21, 2015

Location: Bradford Woods - North End Property (Old Camp Bradford)

7551 Beech Grove Road

Martinsville, IN 46151

Registration, Concession Stand, and Trail Kick-off are located at the Lodge. Registration and trail starts are from 8:30 a.m. until Noon.

Highlights: Wundchenneu Chapter will host the 3rd Annual Al White Memorial Trail Hike. This is a 4.0, 5.75, 6.75, or 7.25 mile hike available to all organizations. We welcome Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Families.



The Order of the Arrow Concession Stand will offer coffee, donuts, Gatorade, hotdogs, chips, candy, and hot chocolate at the Lodge and approximately halfway along the trail. Al White Trail walking sticks will also be for sale at the Lodge.

Cub Scouts and Webelos can earn their Hiking Belt Loop and Leave No Trace Award and can also work on their Hiking Pin. Webelos dens and families are encouraged to spend Friday night and work on their Outdoorsman Activity Badge.

Cost: \$5.00 per hiker - The registration fee includes the 2015 Al White Memorial Trail patch.

No advanced registration is necessary. Simply fill out the registration form attached and bring it with you to the hike. There is no need to register at the Council Office. For those completing the trail, a trail medal is available for purchase at an additional cost of \$5.00 per medal.

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Camping: Camping is also available at Bradford Woods - North End Property for \$2.50 per person per night on Friday and/or Saturday night. Again, no advanced registration is necessary for camping during this event. The main campsite is located near the picnic shelter just east of the lodge. For camping or hike questions, contact Jim Parks at (317) 856-3471 or at parksfamily@iquest.net.

Scouting for Food – March 23 - April 18, 2015



The 2015 Scouting for Food (SFF) start date is almost here!! The official time frame for SFF is March 23 to April 18th. Scouts have the opportunity to collect food door-to-door, bag drop with labels and pick up the bags another day, work at a food bank or support the purchase of pre-packaged grocery bags in participating central Indiana Kroger stores on Saturdays during the SFF dates. The door to door method and is a great activity for a den meeting or a patrol activity. Kroger bags and stickers were handed out at the February roundtable. They will also be available at the District Dinner. You can also contact Ed Richard at (317) 979-2651 or epRichard67@yahoo.com to make arrangements to bags and labels.

Scouting for Food is a national Boy Scout community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in communities we live in. Crossroads of America Council participates in this annual spring food collection program with all proceeds staying in central Indiana. Each year Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturing Crews partner with the Girl Scouts to collect food, supporting families in need. Scouting for Food will collect over 75,000 pounds of food to support needy families in central Indiana each year. Data show that 1 out of 8 Hoosiers live in poverty! Let's give them a can of hope - a can of life! This is an annual service project in the council to do our "Good Turn".

2015 Spring Break Camp – March 30, 2015

Don't sleep your week away, come to the Golden Burke Scout Center and learn a new skill and earn a few merit badges. The Scout attending the Spring Break Merit Badge Camp will earn the following merit badges: Genealogy, Citizenship in the world, Pet Study, Coin Collecting, Stamp Collecting, Citizenship in the Nation, Communication, and Oceanography merit badges are just a few being offered this spring. If more time is available another merit badge will be covered. Den Chief Training and Animal Tracks identification will be held during the week

Cost: You may register to attend an individual day or two at \$40 per day. Or you can sign-up for all five days at a discounted rate of \$125! Bring a Lunch! You may bring snacks and drinks and wear a Scout uniform (Scout t-shirt).

Prerequisites are listed on the Crossroads web site <https://scoutingevent.com/?springbreakcamp2015>

When: Registration/drop off: Begins at 8:30 am

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pick up: between 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Golden-Burke Scout Center, 7125 Fall Creek Rd N, Indianapolis 46256

Session 1: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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Session 2: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Spring Break Camp– Camp Jameson – March 30 - April 3, 2015

Technology & Nature Together

A brand new collaboration with Jameson Camp & IUPUI IT Academy to give kids a chance to explore computer technology while enjoying all that camp has to offer!

Who: Ages 11-15 • Kids Interested in computers, information technology & IT careers

What: Day Camp during Spring Break!

Where: 2001 Bridgeport Road, Indianapolis, IN 46321 - West side of Indianapolis

When: March 30 - April 3rd, 9:00-5:00 (drop-off opens at 8:00, pick-up by 5:30)

Activities: Technology & Outdoor activities

For more information check out: Jamesoncamp.org/technologycamp

317.241.2661 ex. 22 | outdoorintern@jamesoncamp.org

& IUPUI: 317.274.8226 or itacad@iupui.edu

Technology

- Building a website
- Internet protection
- Computer programming basics
- Design & take home your own game!

Outdoor Adventures

- Camp Olympics
- Team Building
- High-ropes Course
- Archery
- Creek Walking & MORE !

Registration Now Open at: www.Jamesoncamp.campbrainregistration.com



Largest Pinewood Track / Best in Show - Indiana State Museum – April 7-12, 2015

Come race on the 120' long two and half story track in the entryway of the Indiana State Museum. It is an impressive site. Plus take part in the best in show if your car is built more fun design than speed. Something for everyone at a great price! Circuit of Fun Event!



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Leave No Trace Trainer Course - April 17-19, 2015

Course is at Camp Red Wing and is open to adults and scouts 14+ with approval of Scoutmaster/Advisor.

Highlights Include:

Training for LNT in Frontcountry for Cubs
Training for LNT in Backcountry for Boy Scouts
Training for LNT in Wilderness for Older Scouts
Training for Teaching BSA-LNT 101 & other courses
Backpacking overnight with LNT cooking



FREE "Firepans" for your Unit & Cathole scoops
Meals for Sat & Sun
FREE LNT Training Notebook
FREE Interactive CDs
FREE LNT Posters & Flyers for your Unit
and many other LNT Educational Materials

Graduates fully meet BSA "Leave No Trace Trainer" National Camp Standard and youth qualify for Leave No Trace Trainer position of responsibility in troop, team or crew. Participants need to be equipped for backpacking about 1 mile with all equipment and food unless physically unable to do so.

Registration URL: www.scoutingevent.com?Intcourseapr15

Hou Koda Spring Camporee – April 24 - 26, 2015

Feather Duster Launch, Scout Strong and STEM activities. Events include:

Leader vs Scout event
STEM activities
Fitness activities
Service Project
Dinner Cook off
Tug-of-War
See attached flyer

The camporee will be at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Pre-registration web site:

www.scoutingevent.com?HouKodaSpringCamporee2015

500 Parade - May 23, 2015

The Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America has volunteered their services to the "500" Festival since 1957. This will be the 58th Anniversary of the parade. This community project has grown through the years. In 2014 there were over 600 scouts and adult leaders from the council assisting in the yearly event. The parade route is broken into 35 sections handled by various districts.

Each Boy Scout and Leader is given a patch from the "500" Festival Committee and the Troop will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Boy Scout Parade Committee. The patch will reflect the "500" Parade theme of "Celebrating the Stories of May," and is designed by the Scout

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Committee. For more information contact Nancy Farmer - Nancyfarmer09@comcast.net

Fun & Games – McCloud Nature Park – April 2015

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Break your kids out of the winter humdrum with a day filled with fun! Boys and girls will learn a variety of one-on-one and team games to play with and against each other at on-going stations in the park. From kickball to marbles and jump rope to ring toss—kids will have enough games available to fashion their very own championship tournament with their friends. Some materials (Frisbees, jump rope, etc.) will be available to borrow from the nature center. Don't forget to have your child test their balance, speed, strength, endurance, and dexterity on our Water Gathering Obstacle Course!

This program helps fulfill Scout requirements for: Wolves Play a Game Elective; Bears Games, Games, Games Achievement; Bears Sports, Sports, Sports Achievement; Bears American Indian Life Elective. Recommended Attendee Grade Level: 2-3

Forest Plants: Trees & Wildflowers - McCloud Nature Park – May 2015

Life is blooming in the forest! It's the perfect time to let your kids loose to study botany firsthand. Accompanied by a park naturalist and armed with their very own botanist notebooks, boys and girls will hike out to record notes and sketches of the trees and wildflowers they spot on the trail, from Sugar Maples and Sycamores to Spring Beauties and Trillium. With this personal observation fresh in their minds, kids will make posters depicting forest layers and photosynthesis. Participants will wrap up the program with a flower craft and beautiful bouquet to take home—just in time for Mother's Day!

This program helps fulfill Scout requirements for: Webelos Forester Badge
Recommended Attendee Grade Level: 4-7

Merit Badge Sundays at Eagle Creek Park – Sunday's in 2015

Held at the Ornithology Center, classes meet from 10-2 on the Sundays listed below. Scouts should bring lunch, water, sturdy walking shoes, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Blue cards and all other material will be provided. There are no pre-requisites and scouts will have the opportunity to complete all requirements during the class.

All classes are \$10 per scout. Preregistration Required. Anne Cecere Naturalist/Indy Parks - City of Indianapolis Department of Parks & Recreation - Ornithology Center, Eagle Creek Park, 6519 Delong Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46278 Anne.Cecere@indy.gov P: (317) 327-BIRD (2473)

April 19, 2015

Boy Scout American Heritage Merit Badge 10:00-2:00 Take a behind the scenes tour of the Ornithology Center and learn its fascinating history. Hike to find other home sites within the park and learn about people who lived there in the past. \$10 per scout



May 3, 2015

Boy Scout Bird Study Merit Badge 10:00-2:00 - The Ornithology Center is all about birds and it has the resources you need to complete this badge. We will hike for approximately 1 ½ hours and complete other work inside the center. \$10 per scout

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- August 9, 2015 Boy Scout Environmental Science Merit Badge 10:00-2:00 - Eagle Creek Park is the ideal place to complete this Eagle- required badge. Explore different ecosystems, view wildlife, learn about human impact, and find out about restoration efforts in the park. \$10 per scout
- September 13, 2015 Boy Scout Bird Study Merit Badge 10:00-2:00 - The Ornithology Center is all about birds and it has the resources you need to complete this badge. We will hike for approximately 1 ½ hours and complete other work inside the center. \$10 per scout
- October 11, 2015 Boy Scout Forestry Merit Badge 10:00-2:00 - Hike in the beautiful forest of Eagle Creek Park and learn about the world of trees. Find out about the products we get from trees and the reason that trees are like life-support for animals and humans. \$10 per scout
- November 8, 2015 Webelos Badge Day 12:00-2:00 - Complete most of the Forester and Naturalist badges with a park naturalist inside and outside the Ornithology Center. An optional rubbish busting hike afterward (on your own) will complete the requirements. We will provide trash bags and gloves. \$6 per scout
- December 13, 2015 Boy Scout Geology Merit Badge 10:00-2:00 - Winter is the perfect time to complete this badge, because the class will be indoors! Learn how mining has impacted Eagle Creek Park. Find out how geology helped scientists to determine that some dinosaurs had feathers. Get your hands on some fossils and help us classify them as we find clues to ancient life in Indiana. \$10 per scout

Unit Fundraising

- This is a new section in the Newsletter for your unit fundraisers. Just send your submittals to Brenda Smith bksmith856@aol.com for inclusion.

Community Service Opportunities – Eagle Scout Project Leads

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events

March 12, 2015	Hou Koda District Awards Dinner	Plainfield LDS Church
March 21, 2015	Al White Memorial Trail	Bradford Woods
March 23, 2015	Scouting for Food Drive Begins	
March 30 - April 3, 2015	Spring Break Merit Badge Camp	Golden Burke Scout Center
March 30 - April 3, 2015	Spring Break Merit Badge Camp Technology & Nature Together	Camp Jameson

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April 2015	Fun & Games	McCloud Nature Park
April 7 - 12, 2015	Largest Pinewood Derby Track	Indiana State Museum
April 19, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - American Heritage	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park
April 17 - 19, 2015	Leave No Trace Trainer Course	Camp Red Wing
April 24 - 26, 2015	Hou Koda Spring Camporee	Camp Ransburg
May 2015	Forest Plants: Trees & Wildflowers	McCloud Nature Park
May 3, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - Bird Study	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park
May 23, 2015	IMS 500 Festival Parade	Downtown Indianapolis
August 9, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - Environmental Science	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park
September 13, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - Bird Study	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park
October 11, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - Forestry	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park
November 8, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - Webelos Day	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center
December 13, 2015	Eagle Creek MB - Geology	Ornithology Center Eagle Creek Park

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.usscouts.org

www.meritbadge.com

www.macscouter.com

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/>

<http://www.ntier.org/>

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

www.scoutingevent.com

www.beascout.org

Crossroads of America
Scout Education and Program Center
7125 Fall Creek Road North
Indianapolis, IN 46256
Phone: (317) 813-7125

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District Leadership Team

District Chair: Ed Beck (317) 417-6084
District Vice Chair: Troy Crum (317) 919-0863
District Commissioner: Mike Dolan (317) 374-5578
District Director: Juli Smith (317) 813-7121
Activities Chair: Tim Shrewsbury (317) 203-6225
Adult Recognition: John Moore (317) 332-0942
Advancement Chair: Doug Pond (765) 497-1001
Boy Scout Advancement Chair: Joe Dailey (317) 509-6553
Boy Scout Recruitment Chair: Fred Owen
Boy Scout Round Table Commissioner: Jeremy Nicholson (317) 714-8163
Cub Scout Advancement Chair: Mary Deason (903) 241-1743
Cub Scout Recruitment Chair: Mark Clark (317) 590-6193
Cub Scout Round Table Commissioner: Vacant
Fun Day Chair: Alan Huls (317) 748-9368
Camping Chair: Doug Newlin (317) 858-1815
Commissioner: Mike Dolan (317) 374-5578
Camporee Chair: Natasha Bokish (317) 464-3092
Eagle Board Chair: Dean Stevens (317) 989-8320
Finance Chair: Mary Edwards
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FOS Unit Scheduling Chair: Shelley Sparks-Munson
FOS Presenter Scheduling Chair: Susan Cincoske (317) 442-4796
Membership Chair: Chuck Fippen (317) 201-2694
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Program Chair: Vacant
Scouting for Food Chair: Ed Richard (317) 979-2651
State Fair Chair: Vacant
Training Chair: Rigo Rodriguez (703) 328-9654
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WEBELOS Transition Chair: Chris Jackson (317) 258-8403

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AL WHITE MEMORIAL TRAIL – 2nd ANNUAL HIKE Saturday, March 21, 2015

Unit: _____ District: _____ Leader: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Leader Email Address: _____

Total number of hikers attending

Cubs: _____ #Scouts: _____ #Adults: _____ Other Children: _____

Total registered: _____ at \$5.00 each = _____

Trail medals: _____ at \$5.00 each = _____

Total = _____

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Scout Strong Spring Camporee April 24-26, 2015 STEM AFO Camp Ransburg



- *Tug-of-War
- *leader competition
- *leaders vs scout event
- *Feather Duster Launch
- *Hike
- *STEM activities
- *Fitness Activities
- *Service Project

Feather Duster Launch
Lets keep it safe
Please construct your launching
divice with

NO

Air Pressure (pneumatic) or
Combution of Flammable Gas
(aerosol, propane, ect)

Contact information

Natasha Bokish

hou.koda.camporee@gmail.com

Cook off: Healthly
dinner and dessert please
plan on feeding 3 staff
members

(we do have people with
food restrictions too)
vegetarian, Gluten-Free,
& Dairy-Free

Fee \$10 each person for early bird
\$12 each person after April 5

registration is open

www.scoutingevent.com?HouKodaSringCamporee



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