



# May 2011 Hou Koda District Newsletter



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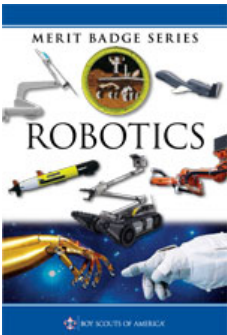
"Hou Koda" is Native American - "Welcome Friend"

## Update on Volunteer Training Center at Camp Belzer - Progress Report - May 02, 2011

Crossroads of America Council hosted a plank signing ceremony on April 20 to officially kick-off the construction on the building. Construction has begun on the Camp Belzer Scout Activity Center after it was heavily damaged by fire in November, 2010. The facility, formerly known as the Center for Volunteer Training, will be completed by the end of 2011. The new center will be built on the foundation of the original building and will be similar in appearance and size to the original center. There will be a few modifications including water lines for sprinklers and removable partitions between smaller meeting rooms. The building will also have the capacity, upon successful fundraising, to add a climbing wall and air rifle in the lower level as well as a screen around the teaching desk.



## New Merit Badge in 2011 - Robotics



Earning the Robotics merit badge requires a Scout to understand how robots move (actuators), sense the environment (sensors), and understand what to do (programming); he should demonstrate robot design in building a robot. You should help ensure that the Scout has sufficiently explored the field of robotics to understand what it is about, and to discover whether this may be a field of interest for him as a career.

**Requirements** - in general: You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated—no more and no less. You are expected to do exactly what is stated in the requirements. If it says "show or demonstrate," that is what you must do. Just telling about it isn't enough. The same thing holds true for such words as "make," "list," "in the field," and "collect," "identify," and "label."

The requirements listed in the current version of the Boy Scout Requirements book are the official requirements of the Boy Scouts of America. The current Boy Scout Requirements book is available for free online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) or for purchase from your local Scout Shop or at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).

## YAR of Central Indiana

Youth as Resources of Central Indiana (YARCI) is a youth development program that gives money (small grants) to youth groups to operate volunteer projects in their community.

What They Do



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- YAR challenges youth to identify community needs and design projects that use their skills, creativity and energy to help others in the community.
- YAR awards grants to youth volunteer groups for youth-led service projects. Grant workshops are conducted before each grant deadline to advise youth on how to apply.
- YAR is guided by Action Boards in each county. Youth and adult board members work in partnership to make all funding decisions.

YARCI is a program of United Way of Central Indiana which serves Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion and Morgan counties.

Our mission is:

To draw on the skills, ideas and energy of youth to improve communities through youth-led service projects;

To promote learning through youth service, leadership and civic participation;

To encourage youth to develop a sense of ownership in the community of central Indiana;

To change society's view of youth from a source of problems to a source of solutions.

### Going to Summer Camp?

All units are encouraged to attend summer camp. There are WEBELOS Adventure camps, Cub Scout Day Camps, Boy Scout and Venture Summer Camps to choose from. If you decide to have a summer camp adventure at a camp outside our district please let our Camping Chair know when, where and how many are attending - Doug Newlin (317) 858-1815. As a reminder: It is time to start reserving your week at Summer Camp 2012!



### Spring Camporee Theme: Engineering

If you'd like a link to the photos taken at the Spring Camporee, just send an e-mail requesting the link to: [bksmith856@aol.com](mailto:bksmith856@aol.com).

### Popcorn Training – Coming Soon!

### May Roundtable – May 12, 2011



We hope to see a representative from EVERY Unit in the District in attendance. We owe it to our youth to commit to attend as often as possible. If not to learn something, to get the latest District news and event schedules. Try to be on the leading edge of change as you learned in Wood Badge. No Wood Badge? We can help you with that too!

We want to assist you in keeping your program and outlook on a positive note. We'll try our best to teach, review and listen to you on a monthly basis. YES!! We said listen! We want to know how you are doing and if you have any suggestions, problems or concerns. After all it is a

ROUNDTABLE!

**Roundtable Training - May 12:**

Youth Protection

Venturing Youth Protection

Merit Badge Counselor

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Time: All 3 trainings will be offered; during Cub Scout Round Table 6:30pm -7:30pm and during Boy Scout Round Table 7:40pm -8:40pm

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church 801 S Green St Brownsburg, IN 46112

RSVP or contact: Anne Newlin 317-431-1807 or newlinjad@aol.com

## Indianapolis Air Show Scout Discount - May 13 – 15, 2011

Great Scout pricing to see the Blue Angels and other great air attractions -



May 13-15, 2011 Join us for extreme family fun at the Mt. Comfort Airport

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## WEBELOS Activity Badge Day – Camp Belzer - May 14, 2011

Again in 2011 there will be two Webelos Activity Badge Day events, one in May and the other in September. The event dates are:

- May 14th - online registration opens April 4<sup>TH</sup>
- September 17th - online registration opens August 15<sup>TH</sup>

Webelos Activity Badge Day will give you and your Webelos Scouts a head start on earning outdoor activity badges. In addition to working on activity badges your boys can enjoy adventure stations that introduce some of the activities they will encounter in Boy Scouting. Webelos Scouts should be able to complete most requirements for an activity badge in each session. Leaders and Packs will be responsible for certifying the completion of activity badges, turning in advancement reports to the Council Service Center, and supplying the advancement awards.

Activity Badges offered: Artist, Craftsman, Engineer, Scientist

Adventure Stations offered: Fire Building, Knots and Lashings, Indian Lore, Map and Compass

- **NOTE:** Activity badge and adventure station assignments are made on a first come, first served basis. If there is not sufficient interest in a particular Activity Badge or Adventure Station, that session may be cancelled and participants given a second choice. Dens will receive assignments upon arrival.
- **COST:** \$20 per boy early bird fee and \$25 if received after the last early bird date (two weeks before event). This fee includes: program supplies and camp usage. There is no adult fee. Fees are non-refundable but may be transferred to another Webelos Scout or adult. Fee includes an embroidered event patch.

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- **BRING:** Completed Individual Health History form, Webelos Book, water bottle/canteen, note pad and pencil, appropriate clothing for the weather (including rain gear), sunscreen, and brown-bag lunch. Optional items you may wish to bring include camera, day pack, extra shoes and socks.
  - **LUNCH:** Two options for lunch are available: 1) bring a "brown bag" lunch, or 2) order pizza when checking in and it will be delivered to Belzer by lunchtime. Pizza may be paid for with cash or check when ordering. Punch and water will be available for lunch beverage.
1. Four Activity Badge workshops are offered in the morning, four more in the afternoon.
  2. A Webelos Scout may register for two Activity Badge workshops (one in the morning, another in the afternoon), all four Adventure Stations, or one Activity Badge and a pair of Adventure Stations so long as there are no time conflicts.
  3. Please submit one registration sheet with each group of Webelos Scouts or register online.
  4. Each group must be accompanied and attend the workshops with an adult or adults in the ratio of no more than 5 Scouts to one adult.
  5. Two adults must accompany groups of two or more Webelos Scouts.
  6. A Camp Belzer map will be provided when you check in showing the various Activity Badge and Adventure Station locations.

Event capacity is 180 Webelos Scouts. This activity will fill up quickly. Register promptly when registration opens. Adults must accompany each group of Webelos Scouts in a ratio of ONE ADULT TO FIVE BOYS. A minimum of two adults must accompany each group. Any single Webelos Scout must be accompanied by an adult (no "drop-offs"). This is a rain or shine event! Come prepared for the expected weather. Register online at the CAC website ([crossroadsbsa.org](http://crossroadsbsa.org)). Contact Mary Carrico (317-813-7125 x7094 or 877-925-1900 x7094 toll free) with any questions.

### **Go FishIN Crew Captain Workshop – May 14, 2011**

Limited to 24 participants so RSVP. The Crew Captain workshop is on May 14 from 9am - 4pm, at the Scout Education and Program Center. Workshops are instructed by Clint Kowalik ([gofinin@dnr.in.gov](mailto:gofinin@dnr.in.gov)) and are for adults (e.g. educators, Scout Leaders, and youth leaders) to learn about fish biology, Indiana's aquatic ecosystems, fish management in Indiana, basic angling skills, and angler ethics. Participants will become Crew Captains and can then take this knowledge and these skills to their classrooms and community. Crew Captains also can receive educational materials and fishing equipment to implement the program.

No fishing experience is needed and no fishing license is required during the workshop. All fishing equipment will be provided. Workshop is free but pre-registration is required. Bring your own sack lunch. RSVP at [volunteer@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:volunteer@crossroadsbsa.org) or 317-813-7116.



### **May Training - May 14, 2011**

- Cub Scout Leader Specifics (10:00am -3:00pm) Includes:
  - Tiger Leader
  - Den Leader
  - Pack Trainer
  - Cubmaster
  - Pack Committee

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- Committee Chair
- WEBELOS Specific
- 'This is Scouting' (1:00pm-2:00pm)
- 'Youth Protection' (2:00pm-3:00pm)


Location: Plainfield Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. RSVP or contact: Anne Newlin 317-431-1807 or [newlinjad@aol.com](mailto:newlinjad@aol.com). Note: Please bring your own lunch

### **Scout Day at the Indianapolis Indians w/ special Cub Scout Graduation - May 15, 2011**

Get a great price to one of the best ball parks in America take part in our graduation for all Cub Scouts! All Cub Scouts in uniform get to go down on the field before the game and get high fives from Rowdie and some players! The transition from Cub Scout to Boy Scout is a special one. Make it even more exciting for your young cub by graduating on the field at Victory Field. Get high-fives from Indians players and Rowdie as you cross into the ranks of Boy Scouts. After the game all scouts are invited to run the bases. Participants receive a "Circuit of Fun" Indians Patch and must report to the field by 1 p.m. on the day of the game. For more information visit [www.IndyIndians.com/Scouts](http://www.IndyIndians.com/Scouts).



### **39<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Night Out – May 17, 2011**

 Indianapolis Mayor's Night Out is a monthly event that provides community members in the areas serviced by the Mayor's 10 Neighborhood Liaisons an opportunity to engage in an up-close, one-on-one with Mayor Ballard to discuss the issues that affect their communities in a positive or adverse manner.

Mayor Ballard and the key members of his executive staff including the Deputy Mayors, and Directors of Metropolitan Development, Public Works, Public Safety and the Mayor's Action Center are available to provide on the spot answers and to gather information on issues that may require additional follow-up.

In addition, Mayor's Night Out provides community members with the perfect opportunity (through a bus tour) to highlight their respective community accomplishments and/or challenges. May's meeting is at Seerley Creek Christian Church - 3550 South Lynhurst Drive, Indianapolis from 6:00-7:00pm.

For more information regarding the West/Southwest Outer Region Mayor's Night Out, please contact: Suzanne Rothenberg, West/Southwest Outer Region Neighborhood Liaison, 317-327-5216 or [Suzanne.rothenberg@indy.gov](mailto:Suzanne.rothenberg@indy.gov)

### **Central Indiana Merit Badge Workshop - May 20 – 21, 2011**

Choose from more than 50 merit badge classes and learn from expert instructors. Look for online registration coming online soon because spaces will fill up quickly. 6-10pm Friday, May 20 and 8am-6pm Saturday, May 21, 2011

Three sessions (Friday PM, Saturday AM, and Saturday PM) 600+ available seats for Scouts

Also classes to earn BSA Scuba and BSA Snorkeling badges  
Service project during midday Saturday break

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Scoutmaster-specific training  
Adult First Aid / CPR class

Saturday Evening Program by Ironhorse District Order of the Arrow  
Troops may camp both Friday and Saturday nights of MBU

Watch for online registration link on [www.crossroadsbsa.org](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org) Online registration will open late March or early April -> <https://2011cimbu.theregistrationsystem.com/en/registration/index/994> (Online registration only: will close prior to event: no walk-ins)

## **"Kid's Derby" – May 21, 2011**



Home Depot at 38th & High School Road is having a "Kid's Derby" (for Cub Scouts) on May 21 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a workshop on May 14 from 9-1:00 to build the cars and register the kids, and then on the 21st, they will race them. The car kits are free, and it will be like a carnival on May 21, with the Indianapolis Fire Department, Indiana State Troopers, Radio Disney, and some kind of a car show, as well as other vendors.



It's all FREE, and there will be food, too, served by Home Depot employees. It's all part of their "Team Depot" program to encourage their employees to do community service. They are apparently also providing FUNDING and free labor to Eagle Scout projects if they are in the store's neighborhood, through this same program. There may be some Cub Packs in the area that might go to this Derby event. More info on Facebook by looking for EAGLE CREEK KID'S DERBY.

## **Scout Special for the Indianapolis 500 - May 29, 2011**

Get a great deal on the greatest spectacle in racing and receive a special invitation to meet the drivers! Not to mention rooting for the Boy Scout Indy car! Attention all Boy Scouts! The Indianapolis Motor Speedway would like to invite all Boy Scouts along with their families to com experience the 2011 Indianapolis 500. As a member of BSA the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is offering you this special ticket package. All orders must be received by Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - See form at the following link ->



<http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Portals/0/files/program/activities/2011%20I500%20Boy%20Scouts.pdf>

### **Infield Package - an \$86 value for only \$34.50**

- Race Day General Admission ticket
- IMS Water Bottle
- IMS Cinch Bag
- 6 Brickyard Bucks
- \$15 Track Scan rental discount
- Drivers' Meeting Invitation\*\*
- \$5 Retail coupon on IMS merchandise

### **Grandstand Package - a \$136 value for only \$49.50**

- Race Day ticket in the North Vista or NE Vista Backstretch
- IMS Water Bottle
- IMS Cinch Bag
- 6 Brickyard Bucks

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- \$15 Track Scan rental discount
- Drivers' Meeting Invitation\*\*
- \$5 Retail coupon on IMS merchandise

\*\* Drivers' Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Date subject to change.

## Wood Badge 2011 Class – Second Session for Spring Course and Fall Course

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 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](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org) shortly with the price and the scholarship applications; however, a \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot.

### Spring Course Dates:

April 28-30, (Thu, Fri, Sat) 2011  
Camp Kikthawenund (1 of 2)  
and

June 2-4, (Thu, Fri, Sat) 2011  
Camp Krietenstein (2 Of 2)  
Course Director: Dick Dhondt

### Fall Course Dates:

August 13-15, (Sat, Sun, Mon) 2011  
Camp Kikthawenund (1 of 2)  
and

September 17-19, (Sat, Sun, Mon) 2011  
Camp Ransburg (2 of 2)  
Course Director: Keith Driscoll

## Scout Campout at the Indianapolis Indians - June 3, 2011



Come out and watch some great baseball, stay for the fireworks then watch a movie on the jumbo screen TV! After that you can camp in the outfield where they just played (weather permitting). Don't miss this unforgettable experience, space is limited! Make your Boy or Cub Scout's dream come true when he spends the night camping on a professional baseball field. A sell-out event every year, Boy and Cub Scouts attending will enjoy a baseball game, 2011 scout patch, movie on the big screen, snack, campout on the perfectly groomed outfield and breakfast in the morning. If campout is postponed due to severe weather, the make-up date is Friday, July 22nd. For more information visit [www.IndyIndians.com/Scouts](http://www.IndyIndians.com/Scouts).

## B&O Bicycle Tour – June 4, 2011 – see change

The 19th Annual B&O Bicycle Tour will be held June 4, 2011, beginning at Williams Park in Brownsburg (see attached details). There will be four routes to choose from (12, 25, 45 and 63 miles) for beginner to experienced riders. As in years past, homemade refreshments are available at several rest stops on all



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routes, and lunch will be served at the finish by Charbonos with music by Just Us. For more details on the ride and to print an entry form to mail in, click here -> [http://www.botrail.org/images/tt-bikeapp2011\\_v2web.pdf](http://www.botrail.org/images/tt-bikeapp2011_v2web.pdf). As this event is one of our primary means of fundraising every year, we strongly encourage participants to form teams and raise additional money to benefit further development of the B&O Trail. (This past year saw construction of nearly 3 miles of paved trail just east of Brownsburg!) Scout Groups are especially encouraged to attend ~~at no charge.~~ [www.botrail.org](http://www.botrail.org).

**Teams must be pre-registered by May 19, 2011. No same day registration for teams. As a price incentive, team members will receive the following discount off the regular individual fee, which is \$20 per person.**

**7-12 riders:           \$17 per person**  
**13-20 riders:         \$15 per person**  
**21 or more riders:   \$12 per person**

**You may contact Jeff Smallwood with questions (317-745-2471).**

## **Summer Scout Splash - Scout Days at Holiday World - June 11-19 or July 30-Aug 7, 2011**

Come to the friendliest and cleanest amusement park in the country. Not only does it include all the free Pepsi products you can drink but it also provides free sunscreen, but the #1 water park ride and #1 wooden roller coaster in the world! Come check it out with these special rates just for Scouts and the family members. Scouting families and friends are invited to enjoy the fun and excitement of two parks for the price of one!



Wildebess is the World's Longest Water Coaster. Its one-third mile of wild and watery up-hills, drops, twists and turns. Ride up a conveyor lift-hill and down a four-story drop at a 45-degree angle!

**Single day pass \$30.00 regularly \$42.95**  
**(Can ONLY be purchased through your local Scout office)**

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.

## **Scout Campout at the Indianapolis Indians - June 24, 2011**

See details above.

## **WEBELOS Activity Badge Day – Camp Belzer – September 17, 2011**

See details above.

## **Kodiak X Venturing Youth Leadership Training – November 4-6, 2011**

Space is limited so please register by Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. Kodiak X is the final installment of the 3 parts of the Venturing Nature of Leadership. You must have completed Kodiak training



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to attend - no exceptions! In Kodiak X you have opportunities to apply the 5 Commissions presented in Kodiak and be presented the final 2 Commissions in the Kodiak program.

### Key Information

- Cabin camping
- Dining hall meals
- Outdoor Training Activities
- BSA Annual Health and Medical AB&C required
- Check-in 7 pm Friday - Leave at Noon Sunday
- Cost \$45 - covers food, snacks and course materials

Questions: contact Dave Broekers at [broekers91@comcast.net](mailto:broekers91@comcast.net) or 317-867-5258.

### Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events

May 12, 2011	Roundtable - Boy Scout, Cub Scout	Messiah Lutheran Church
May 12, 2011	Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor training	Messiah Lutheran Church - During Roundtable
May 13-15, 2011	Indianapolis Air Show	Mt. Comfort Airport
May 14, 2011	WEBELOS Activity Badge Day	Camp Belzer
May 14, 2011	Cub Scout Leader Specifics, This is Scouting, and Youth Protection Training	Plainfield Public Library
May 14, 2011	Go FishIN Crew Captain Workshop	Scout Education and Program Center
May 14, 2011	Kids Derby - Car Build and Registration	Home Depot - 38 <sup>th</sup> & High School Road
May 15, 2011	Scout Day with Indianapolis Indians - Cub Scout Graduation	Indianapolis Victory Field
May 17, 2011	39 <sup>th</sup> Mayor's Night Out	Seerley Creek Christian Church
May 20-21, 2011	Central Indiana Merit Badge Workshop	St. Michael's School, OR Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds
May 21, 2011	Kids Derby	Home Depot - 38 <sup>th</sup> & High School Road
May 29, 2011	Indianapolis 500 - Scout Special	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
June 2-4, 2011	Spring WB Course Session 2	Camp Krietenstein
June 3, 2011	Indianapolis Indians Campout	Indianapolis Victory Field
June 4, 2011	B & O Rails to Trails Bicycle Tour - see attached information	Williams Park - Brownsburg
June 11-19, 2011	Summer Scout Splash	Holiday World
June 24, 2011	Indianapolis Indians Campout	Indianapolis Victory Field
July 26-Aug 6, 2011	Garden Island High Adventure	Kauai, Hawaii

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July 30-Aug 7, 2011	Summer Scout Splash	Holiday World
August 13-15, 2011	Spring WB Course Session 1	Camp Kikthawenund
September 17, 2011	WEBELOS Activity Badge Day	Camp Belzer
September 17-19, 2011	Spring WB Course Session 2	Camp Ransburg
October 14-16, 2011	Fall Camporee	Camp Ransburg
November 4-6, 2011	Kodiak X Training	Camp Kikthawenund

Contact Brenda Smith at [bksmith856@aol.com](mailto:bksmith856@aol.com) to request or provide District Newsletter information. For additional Scouting information visit the following Web Sites:

[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)

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

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

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

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

### District Leadership Team

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District PR Chair: Brenda Smith (317) 745-7040  
District Webmaster: Brian Hazelton  
District Webelos Transition Chair: Kent Ebbing

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## B&O Bicycle Tour - Team Contest

Enjoy entry fee discounts and bring more visibility to your organization while helping raise money for the B&O Trail. Here's how it will work.



1. Seven or more people can register as a team with discounts based on the size of the team. Team members must be affiliated with the same organization, such as a business, school, church, or service club. We will take a picture of all teams and display the winning teams in our publicity materials.
2. Click here to download a registration form -> [http://www.botrail.org/images/tt-bikeapp2011\\_v2web.pdf](http://www.botrail.org/images/tt-bikeapp2011_v2web.pdf). List all team members and have them sign the waiver. A team captain should collect fees from each team member based on the fee schedule below and send one check to (checks payable to HCTDA):

HCTDA c/o Linda Watson Stansbury  
5717 Springhollow Ct.  
Avon, IN 46123.

3. Click here to download a donation collection form -> [www.botrail.org](http://www.botrail.org). Give each team member a form and ask them to collect donations from friends and family for the B&O Trail project. Record the donor's name, address, and amount. We will send a thank-you note to each donor, which will serve as a tax receipt. Bring all the money collected and the donation forms to the bike ride.
4. There will be two winners, the team with the most participants and the team that collects the most money. The winning teams will receive a plaque to hang on their organization's "brag wall".
5. To enhance team spirit and make the organization more visible, team members are encouraged to wear some kind of "costume" such as matching clothing or accessories.

Teams must be pre-registered by May 19, 2011. No same day registration for teams. As a price incentive, team members will receive the following discount off the regular individual fee, which is \$20 per person.

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### 6 Louisiana Scouts rescued from Arkansas wilderness area

*(AP) - (an excerpt from the original article - bksmith)  
LANGLEY, Ark. (AP) — In the same remote valley where 20 people died in a flash flood last summer, six Louisiana Boy Scouts trapped by a rising river built a campfire and ate jambalaya and grits, confident rescuers would eventually arrive.*



*The boys' two adult leaders had them set up camp near a mountain they could climb if their trail flooded — one of a series of decisions that allowed the group to emerge unharmed from the Albert Pike Recreation Area in southwest Arkansas. Rescuers also praised them for good planning, leaving a map of their planned trek and avoiding the valley floor when they realized how deep and fast the river had grown.*

*"They did exactly what they needed to do," Montgomery County Sheriff David White said. "As long as they stayed on high ground, we figured they were going to be in good shape."*

*While the weekend's conditions weren't as bad as the deadly flood that struck last year while people were sleeping, they were dangerous. The boys crossed the Little Missouri River at the start of their trip Thursday but by the time they went to leave Sunday morning, it had grown to 70 yards wide and up to 5 feet deep. Scoutmaster Jeff Robinson tested it and ordered the troop to retreat.*

*"I realized the water was too strong to cross the river with the boys," Robinson said. A National Guard helicopter eventually plucked the group to safety after sunrise Tuesday.*

*The boys said they passed the time in between talking and sleeping in. With no cell phone service available, several said their biggest concern was what their parents were thinking.*

*"I was worried that my parents would freak out," said Ian Fuselier, 13.*

*After eating jambalaya, eggs and grits Sunday, the boys had only one meal of jambalaya Monday. But Robinson said they had enough food to last several days, a water filter and a dry camp.*

*"If we had to stay three, four, five days, we had the resources to do so," he said.*

*Troop 162 was reported missing when it didn't return home Monday as planned, and anxious parents and relatives drove up from Lafayette, La. Search teams on the ground couldn't find the boys, and rain and fog prevented a helicopter from doing a flyover.*

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*The troop had filed a detailed schedule and map for its hike with a Scout leader who didn't make the trip, and they knew to avoid low areas during rain, said Art Hawkins, executive director of the Boy Scouts' Evangeline Area Council in Lafayette.*

*The Scouts were found early Tuesday when the weather improved enough for a National Guard helicopter to make it into the park and spot their campfire. Just after 2 a.m., Guardsmen tossed the troop a bag with supplies: ponchos, food, water and blankets.*

*After daybreak, a helicopter landed in a clearing about 300 yards from their camp. The pilot ferried the eight out in two trips, delivering them near a camp supply store where their families applauded their arrival.*

*Parents who had appeared anxious hours earlier said they had full faith in Robinson and assistant scoutmaster Andy Trahan.*

*"I knew they were well prepared," said Jonah Fuselier, Ian's father. Hawkins said he was sure the boys thought about the people who died last year when they were hiking through the area, but he noted they camped in a different situation and location.*

*"I wish I could videotape the whole thing," he said. "This was the lesson of all the things you could do right. There was nothing that could have been done differently to change the outcome."*

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