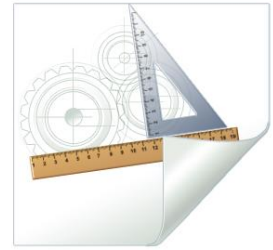




# April 2011 Hou Koda District Newsletter



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

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

## Spring Camporee Theme: Engineering

We've e-mailed information on the Engineering Merit Badge so that Scouts can complete the Merit Badge during the Camporee. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rodriguez at [rodriguezri1@att.net](mailto:rodriguezri1@att.net). We plan on having Engineering displays and demonstrations and will need adult volunteers to assist at those stations. Please contact Tim Shrewsbury at [shrewcrew@hotmail.com](mailto:shrewcrew@hotmail.com) if you're willing to volunteer.

Guidelines and Instructions for the Knot event have also been distributed

## Pinewood Derby at the Indiana State Museum – April 3, 2011

If anyone wants to help with the Pinewood Derby at the Indiana State Museum again this year please contact Wendell Zetterberg at 765-249-2298 or [wzetterberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wzetterberg@sbcglobal.net). The event will be April 9th and will last most of the day. In the past there were shifts for participation and the same is planned for this year. This is open to any adult or Boy Scout that wants to work. This is a fun event and it gets better each year. Please pass this along to your pack, troop, or your District.

## April Roundtable – April 14, 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**

- Youth Protection
- Venturing Youth Protection
- Merit Badge Counselor

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 so we will have materials ready: Anne Newlin 317-341-1807 or [newlinjad@aol.com](mailto:newlinjad@aol.com)

- **Program Planning Orientation (see info below)**

### **Roundtable Training - May 12:**

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### Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) 2011 – April 15-16, 2011



Replaces the Venturing Leadership Skills Course (VLSC) and takes place at Camp Kikthawenund. The ILSC is an overnight course designed to introduce Venturers to attitudes and skills that good leaders demonstrate. The course consists of a series of modules divided into three categories: Unit Organization, Tools of the Trade, and Leadership and Teamwork. The modules have hands-on initiative games to reinforce the learning points. The EDGE (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable) method of teaching skills is

presented.

#### Key Information

- Cabin Camping
- Dining Hall Meals
- Outdoor Training Activities
- Adult Crew Leaders welcome (and encouraged) to attend and see this new course in action
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record parts A and C required
- Check-in 7 pm Fri, leave 5 pm Saturday
- Cost: \$18 covers all meals, snacks, and course materials
- Additional info sent after registration

Sign up and meet Venturers from all across central Indiana! This is a new course—join us even if you already completed the VLSC! For additional information please contact Dave Broekers at broekers91@comcast.net or 317-867-5258 Send registration to: Crossroads of America Council, 7125 Fall Creek Rd North, Indianapolis IN 46256.

### Scouting for Food – March 26th through April 23, 2011

Please note this is a new process to better meet the needs of the local pantries.

- Drop off bags\* - (Optional) - Select an area in your district to drop off bags to encourage individuals to fill the bags with appropriate items. Be sure to go back to all of the houses on the following week to pick them up!
- Participate at Kroger Store - Any Saturday from March 26th through April 23 help out at a Kroger store by promoting the sell of pre-packaged bags to costumers while they are in the store. Make sure to contact one of the store managers in advance.
- Door to door collection\* - Go door to door in uniform trick or treat style and ask for food donations. Then deliver food to a Kroger store, local food pantry or a district turn in site. For an added experience (dates may vary)
- Pantry support - dates vary - contact a local food pantry to see if how you can help.

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For your Free patches turn in completed SFF form at your district roundtable in April or May, turn in at any Scout Service Center or send in the form with \$7 shipping and handling and we will mail your patches. Contact is Rob Whistendahl

\*Plastic Kroger bags will be available for pick up at your March District Roundtable. Stickers will also be available or look for print your own labels on the council website starting in March.

## **Boy Scout Badge Day at Marian University – April 9, 2011**

9:00 -12:00 Forestry

1:00 - 4:00 Soil and Water Conservation

Badge programs meet all requirements and are taught by trained badge leaders. There is a fee of \$10 per participant per merit badge. Each program can accommodate 10 - 25 scouts. If less register the program will be cancelled, and those registered will be contacted by e-mail within a week of the class. To register your scout or troop, contact the Environmental Education Coordinator, Shannon Unger at [sbigham-unger@marion.edu](mailto:sbigham-unger@marion.edu) or at 317-524-7700. In addition to the above schedule, we'll be happy to register a troop for any badges listed on our web site - Just Ask!



## **Hou Koda Spring Camporee - April 8-9-10 - Camp Krietenstein**

Spring Camporee is at Camp Krietenstein. The emphasis for this Camporee is Engineering - see attached flyer. If you come with prerequisites completed, you will be able to complete your Engineering Merit Badge. contact Tim Shrewsbury at [shrewcrew@hotmail.com](mailto:shrewcrew@hotmail.com) for question.

April 9 - Training

Outdoor Leader Skill

Outdoor Webelos Leader Skill

Time: 10:00a, - 3:00pm

Location: Krietenstein Dining Hall 6445 E. County Road 575 N

Center Point, IN 47840

RSVP or contact: Anne Newlin 317-431-1807 or [newlinjad@aol.com](mailto:newlinjad@aol.com)

Note: Fee - \$10.00 for training supplies and lunch.

## **Program Planning Orientation – April 14, 2011**

In conjunction with the April 14th Roundtable at Messiah Lutheran Church (801 S Green St. Brownsburg IN) we will offer a Program Planning Orientation as well as have materials available for distribution. Program Planning is the annual process of inviting all unit leadership and families to provide input in setting the coming year's calendar and budget. Program Planning not only helps you set fun activities to keep your Scouts busy year round, but also helps identify volunteer needs. Program Planning directly correlates to setting popcorn/fundraising goals for the unit and Scouts. By knowing what you want to do in the coming year, you know exactly how much money you need to get there. All units are encouraged to have a representative attend the orientation as materials are updated annually. If your unit needs assistance with this process

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please contact Carolyn Small (317-813-7121/[csmall@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:csmall@crossroadsbsa.org)) or Josh Reckelhoff (317-813-7122 / [jreckelhoff@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:jreckelhoff@crossroadsbsa.org))

## Program Planning Orientation Schedule

6:30pm - 7:30pm Program Planning Orien. (opposite Cub Scout Breakout) - rooms 123/125

7:40pm - 8:40pm Program Planning Orien. (opposite Boy Scout and Venturing Breakouts) - rooms 123/125

\*Youth Protection, Venturing Youth Protection, and Merit Badge Counselor Training will also be available at Roundtable. Please contact Anne Newlin for details and to RSVP - [newlinjad@aol.com](mailto:newlinjad@aol.com).

## **BALOO – Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation – April 16, 2011 (Golden Eagle District)**



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training Event is being held Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (Lunch is Provided), in Farmland at the Conservation Club in Farmland, Indiana

Instructor:

Jim Feistritz

Cost - \$5.00

For More Information or to RSVP:

Muncie Scout Shop at (765) 288-0223

## **Make and Take Fire Piston Workshop – April 20, 2011**

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at the Scout Education and Program Center, come and learn how to create a fire piston. This is a fire starting method that used the diesel concept and Boyle's law to create a burning ember in just seconds. It's a great tool you can take back to your unit and spark the attention for Cubs, or do as a hands-on project with Boy Scouts. During this class you will actually make the piston and get to take it home with you. Please RSVP by e-mailing [volunteer@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:volunteer@crossroadsbsa.org) to reserve your spot in this course. Although there is no charge, we will need to know how many supplies to acquire. Questions: contact Justin Scott 317-813-7116.

## **Webelos Badge Day at Marian University – April 23, 2011**

9:00 -12:00 Naturalist

1:00 - 4:00 Forester



Badge programs meet all requirements and are taught by trained badge leaders. There is a fee of \$10 per participant per merit badge. Each program can accommodate 10 - 25 scouts. If less register the program will be cancelled, and those registered will be contacted by e-mail within a week of the class. To register your scout or troop, contact the Environmental Education Coordinator, Shannon Unger at [sbigham-unger@marion.edu](mailto:sbigham-unger@marion.edu) or at 317-524-7700. In addition to the above schedule, we'll be happy to register a troop for any badges listed on our web site - Just Ask!

## **Wood Badge 2011 Class Schedule Announced**



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

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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

### 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 -1:00pm) Includes:

- Tiger Leader
- Den Leader
- Pack Trainer
- Cubmaster
- Pack Committee
- Committee Chair

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 317-341-1807 or [newlinjad@aol.com](mailto:newlinjad@aol.com)

Note: Please bring your own lunch

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## B&O Bicycle Tour – June 4, 2011

The 19th Annual B&O Bicycle Tour will be held June 4, 2011, beginning at Williams Park in Brownsburg. 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 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](#). 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 encourage to attend at no charge. [www.botrail.org](http://www.botrail.org)



## Kodiak X Venturing Your Leadership Training – November 4-6, 2001

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

April 3, 2011	Council Pinewood Derby race at State Museum	Indiana State Museum
<b>April 8-10, 2011</b>	<b>Spring Camporee - Engineering</b>	<b>Camp Krietenstein</b>
April 9, 2011	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills	Camp Krietenstein
April 9, 2011	Boy Scout Merit Badge Day at Marian University	Marian University
April 14, 2011	Roundtable - Boy Scout, Cub Scout	Messiah Lutheran Church
April 14, 2011	Program Planning Orientation	Messiah Lutheran Church
April 15-16, 2011	ILSC	Camp Kikthawenund
April 16, 2011	BALOO training	Golden Eagle District
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April 23, 2011	Scouting For Food end	Your Neighborhood

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May 14, 2011	Cub Scout Leader Specifics	Plainfield Public Library
May 14, 2011	Go FishIN Crew Captain Workshop	Scout Education and Program Center
June 2-4, 2011	Spring WB Course Session 2	Camp Krietenstein
June 4, 2011	B & O Rails to Trails Bicycle Tour	Williams Park - Brownsburg
July 26-Aug 6, 2011	Garden Island High Adventure	Kauai, Hawaii
August 13-15, 2011	Spring WB Course Session 1	Camp Kikthawenund
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.houkodadistrict.org](http://www.houkodadistrict.org)

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

### Your District Leadership Team

District Chair: Chuck Fippen (317) 201-2694  
District Director: Carolyn Small (317) 813-7121  
District Executive: Josh Reckelhoff (317) 813-7122  
District Commissioner: Troy Crum  
District Camporee Chair: Tim Shrewsbury (317) 443-3700  
District Program Chair: John Poray  
District Camping Chair: Doug Newlin (317) 858-1815  
District Activities Chair: Rob Wistendahl  
District Advancement Chair: Dean Stevens (317) 989-8320  
District Training Chair: Ann Newlin (317) 858-1815  
District Finance Chair: Randy Effner

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

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# Spring Camporee 2011

Spring Camporee April 8-10, 2011

Camp Krietenstein – 6:30 pm Friday registration begins  
(Campsites available on 1st come, 1st served basis)

**\$6 per person**

This will be a weekend Camporee Focusing on Engineering  
Troops are encouraged to camp Friday and Saturday Nights

**Planned Events Include:**

- Knot Relay
- Distance/Height Measurements
- First Aid Relay
- String burn
- Atlatl Demonstration
- Tug-O-War
- Campsite Entrance Gateway competition (be creative)
- Order of the Arrow campfire
- Outdoor Leader Skills Training
- Bring your “10 essentials”



Outdoor Leader Skills Training will take place on Saturday

Troops interested in a campfire skit or song – come prepared – receive approval at registration  
WEBELOS may come for the day on Saturday

Any Questions contact Tim Shrewsbury at shrewcrew@hotmail.com or 317-443-3700

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## Intro. To Outdoor Leader Skills

- For Whom?** For Scout Masters, Assistant Scout Masters, Venture Leaders, Troop Committee members, Den Leaders, Webelo Leaders, and Unit Trainers.
- Why?** Get your Trained Patch. This course is a pre-requisite to attending the Woodbadge Course.
- Date & Time:** Friday April 8 \* Course Starts at 5:30 pm  
Saturday April 9 \* all day until after closing campfire
- Location:** Camp Krietenstein during the Camporee (6445 E. County Road 575 N Center Point, IN 47840)
- Preparation:**
1. Register to receive **your personal camp equipment needed list** and your patrol assignment.
  2. Food to bring for following meals (Saturday Breakfast & Saturday Dinner, snacks and refreshment)
- Registration & Cancellation** \$10.00 per participant payable at sign-in.  
A minimum of **14 registered Scouters** is required for the course to be held.
- Sign Up** To better serve you and to reserve your spot, Please e-mail [newliniad@aol.com](mailto:newliniad@aol.com) or call Anne Newlin @ 317-858-1815 with the following information by **Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership #</b>	
_____	_____	
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip</b>
_____	_____	_____
<b>E-Mail Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	
_____	_____	
<b>District</b>	<b>Unit / Position</b>	
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