



October 2011 Hou Koda District Newsletter



Website: www.houkoda.org

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

Have you seen the updated Hou Koda Web Site??

The Hou Koda Web Site is new and improved! We're revising site information and including current leadership names and contact information. Need a Merit Badge Counselor? Check out the new and updated list of counselors. There are also links to Businesses with BSA MB Programs in the Indianapolis area. Camporee and Atlatl Competition flyers are on the Activities link, plus newsletters and the annual calendar. We'd be happy to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Contact District Chairman Chuck Fippin.



It's Re-charter Time

As you recall, your re-charter fees were pro-rated at the beginning of the year, so that we can begin our new re-charter timing at the beginning of the BSA fiscal year. There will be no re-charter packets this time, because all re-chartering will be accomplished on-line. Please attend the re-charter training at the October roundtable. Re-charters must be completed by the end of November (next month)!

Florida Sea Base Opening



There is one opening for a Sea Base trip June 21-27, 2012 in the Florida Keys, with Danville Troop 302. The first deposit and 1st payment have already been made, so you will be responsible for 1/2 payment right now. Final payment is due March 2012. 1/2 payment now is \$415.65. Anyone interested, please contact Jeff Decker at jeffrey.decker@sbcglobal.net.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign for 2012

FOS unit presenters can pick up materials at the October Round Table. If you'd like to be a presenter, please come to Roundtable and get your training. Training for presenters is required and will be offered at Round Table as well as future dates to be determined.

Units wishing to schedule a presentation can contact Shelley Sparks at 839-9876. She can also be reached by e-mail at sasparks@ix.netcom.com.

The Governor's Luncheon is the key event in our FOS campaign. This year's luncheon will be held at the JW Marriott on December 12th. If anyone wishes to sponsor a table or attend the event, please contact the District Chairman, Chuck Fippen at 317-201-2694. Please consider this sponsorship for Scouting. Brochures will be at October and November Roundtables.

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2011 Peace Light Information



Each year, a child from Upper Austria fetches the light from the grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The light is carried in two blast proof miners lamps on an Austrian Airlines jet from Tel Aviv Israel to Vienna, Austria from where it is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations from across Europe who take it back, with a message of Peace, to their own countries. Austrian Airlines then flies the lamps containing the Peace Light from Bethlehem to New York City. The Peace Light is coming to New York on Tuesday November 29th. The Coordinator for Crossroads of America Council is Jeff Decker, Phone: (317) 938-1860. Additional information on how to get your "light" will be coming.

October Roundtable – Thursday October 13, 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!



Training: FOS Presenter training, Recharter Training

Location: We'll be at our new location at the Plainfield LDS Church (2125 Reeves Rd., Plainfield)



Cub Scout Fun Day at Camp Red Wing - October 14 & 15, 2011

Cub Scout Fun Day at Camp Red Wing hosted by Golden Eagle District - Shoot BB guns, bows and arrows, learn skills and camp overnight. A great opening experience for any Cub Scout! Only \$5 per Cub Scout for Saturday! \$2 per sibling. Adults are free. Only \$6 per Cub Scout for Friday & Saturday! RSVP by October 1, 2011 to camp overnight on Friday, October 14th. Arrive at 7am to check in on Saturday if not camping. Register at www.crossroadsbsa.org. Enjoy a campfire and s'mores on Friday night at 8:30 p.m.!

Event will be held rain or shine. All events subject to change without notice. Concessions will be available for lunch only on Saturday. All other meals are the responsibility of each family or pack.

Training - Cub Scout Specifics – October 20, 2011

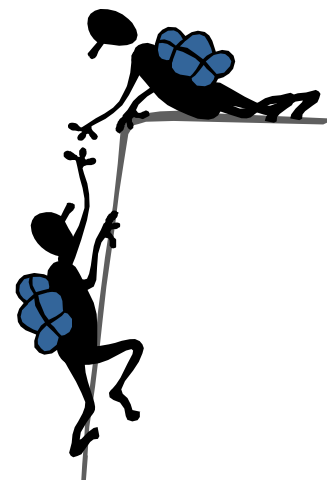
Cub Scout Specifics (Tiger Leader, Dean Leader, Pack Trainer, Cub Master, Pack Committee, Committee Chair, WEBELO Specific) Oct. 20, 6-9 pm at First Baptist Church 1012 Stafford Road Plainfield.

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Fall Camporee - October 21-23, 2011

- Theme: High Adventure
Where: Camp Ransburg
When: October 21, 22, 23
Check in begins at 6 pm Friday evening
Events: Climbing Tower (must be a REGISTERED scout)
Flint and Steel - using real raw/natural materials - no spark kits
Scavenger Hunt
Canoe Event - Reach, Row, Throw, Go
Tug-O-War
Backpack Event* (see attached details)
Campsite Inspection
Scouts Own: Sunday Morning
Special Competition: Atlatl Competition - flyer attached
Training: BALOO training on Saturday, Oct 22nd. Contact Anne Newlin 431-1807 for further details. Oct. 22, 8 am-5 pm. Please bring your Cub Scout Leader book.
Early Bird
Special: Pre-register now through ~~Sept 15th~~ October 10 for \$6 per youth/adult
(Cost at the event will be \$8 per youth/adult)



Campsite choices are determined at time of registration so register early. Flyers are on Hou Koda Web site www.houkoda.org

Civil War Days - October 28-30, 2011

Boy Scouts, sign up for one of the most challenging weekends Scouting has to offer. Enlist in the Civil war and camp alongside Union or Confederate Soldiers. March and drill as you learn what it meant to be a soldier during the time of the civil war. Plus learn about the time from session live Civil War Embalmer, how to fire a cannon or Civil War firearms. Find more information online at: www.crossroadsbsa.org.

Woodfield Rifle See CAC website for instructions to build a replica rifle for use during the Battle of Belzer. The sticks needed can be found upon arrival at Belzer.

Basic Drills Click on the links below for basic drills that will be used for the weekend. Prepare for mock- battles by practicing this at troop meetings before you arrive.

<http://www.10thpa.com/DrillCo1.htm>

<http://www.10thbattalion.org/school.php>

<http://www.edrill.net/default.aspx>



Soldier Songs See CAC website for lyrics to "Marching through Georgia" (Union anthem)* and "The Bonnie Blue Flag" (Confederate anthem) to learn the songs of the soldier. You can download the words and rally the rest of your army through the weekend. *(Union Troops - Please do not learn the second verse. Although historically accurate we want to be sensitive to all cultures, we will address this in more detail during the event.)

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"The Bonnie Blue Flag" (Confederate) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS7Y4XszJyg&feature=related>

Bring your own hardtack Hardtack was a food staple of both sides during the Civil War. Recipes can be found here <http://kenanderson.net/hardtack/recipes.html>.

Suttler Store (Trading Post) The suttler had many of the supplies that soldiers would need. The same is true for this event with a small store with hard candy, hot drinks, basic camping gear, paper products, and some Woodfield rifles for sale.

Are Webelos able to attend Civil War Days? Webelos are able to attend the event as long as they are hosted by a troop. A troop can invite Webelos to come with them as their guest(s) to see what their troop does and how it functions. The troop is responsible for all youth.

Tentative schedule:

Friday

1700 Check in

1900 NCOs Call - Battalion HQ

2200 All Hands Meeting - Amphitheater

2300 Reenactor's Call - Pavilion

2330 Taps - All Quiet

Saturday

0600 Reveille / Roll Call / Rations Call

0630 NCOs Second Call - morning reports due, orders

0645 Morning Formation / Colors

0700 Breakfast

0800 Living History Presentation - School of the Soldier and Company Drills

1130 Dinner / Officer's Call

1200 Living History Presentation - School of the Soldier and Company Drills

1530 Form Battalions

1630 Battle of Belzer

1730 Supper

1830 Civil War Movie or additional historical segment

2100 Nighttime Artillery Barrage

2200 Taps - All Quiet

Sunday

0700 Reveille / Roll Call

0730 Breakfast on your own (bring it or eat extra rations)

0800 Break Camp / Camp Inspections / Get Patches

1000 March for Home!

Fall Order of the Arrow – (OA) Ordeal - November 4-6, 2011

If you didn't attend the Spring Ordeal, you have another chance. Ordeal will be a Camp



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Bradford. Please contact you OA chapter for additional information.

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



Space is limited so please register by Oct 14th. Kodiak X is the 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 or 317-867-5258.

Cub Scout POW WOW – November 5, 2011

Registration: 7:00am

Opening: 8:15am

Place: Warren Central High School

Cost: Online Fee: \$20.00 per person (Before 10/28/11)

Paper Fee: \$25.00 per person (Before 10/28/11)

Late Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person (After 10/28/11)

What is a POW WOW?

In Native American culture, Pow Wow is a time when people come together in celebration. They renew old friendships and discover new ones. It is a time to reminisce about the treasures of the past and to plan for preservation of a rich heritage. With dancing and singing, one man honors another and traditions are passed on.

“Catch the Spirit of Cub Scouting” is an event that passes knowledge from one generation of Scouters to the next. It is a day filled with excitement and adventure for any adult associated with Cub Scouting. If you are part of a Pack committee, a Cubmaster, a Den leader, a Webelos leader, any assistant leader, a Tiger Cub Coach or parent, Pow Wow can turn you on to the wonders of your Cub Scout.

How do we utilize the online registration? You can access the online registration by going to www.crossroadsbsa.org then by clicking on the Online Registration Link on the left hand side of the page. Please follow the directions from that point forward if you are a new user or an existing user. Please pay close attention to the directions on each page. For Assistance with online registration of to register by phone, please call Sherry Webb at 317-813-7117 or email her at swebb@crossroadsbsa.org.



Training - Outdoor Leader Skills (OWL) – November 11-12, 2011

Nov. 11-12 Fri 7 pm - Sat 9 pm at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Contact Anne Newlin for further details.

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Scout Night with the INDIANA PACERS – November 25, 2011

Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls - Tipoff - 8:00 p.m. - Doors Open - 7:00 p.m.* As a member of the SCOUTS, you are invited to participate in a Scout Night with your Indiana Pacers! Wear your uniform and you will have the chance to be seen on the center scoreboard or participate in timeout activities! In addition, by purchasing tickets through this offer, not only will you see exciting professional basketball in action, you will:



- Be able to shoot a free throw on the main court of Conseco Fieldhouse!
- Receive a FREE circuit of fun patch!
- Purchase a Scout Value Pack (\$21.20 or \$42.40 ticket) that includes one FREE hot dog, bag of chips, small Pepsi product, and a T-shirt!
- Be a part of a SPECIAL meet & greet with a Pacers player after the game *

Go to this link for the registration form:

http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Portals/0/files/program/activities/Pacers%20Scout%20Night_11-12.pdf

*Subject to change

Scout Night with the INDIANA ICE – December 10, 2011



Come and see the Indiana Ice at the Pepsi Coliseum on the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Early Bird Scout Discount Prices!

Order by Nov 25th and get
your tickets for just \$11 or \$7 each*

Special Scout Prices

Order between Nov 26th & Dec 7th
and tickets are just \$12 or \$8 each*

The deadline to purchase tickets is December 7th, 2011

Order Online <http://marketmail.sportsfansusa.com/indianaice/groups/scout> Group ID: SCOUT

Simply create an account and fill out the order form

*Order must be received at the Indiana Ice Office by November 25th in order to receive Early Bird Discount!

Museums on the Canal – January 21 & 28, 2012

Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Museum - Take advantage of two Indiana museums with discounted admission. Head down to the canal and visit the Indiana State Museum www.indianamuseum.org and the Indiana History Center www.indianahistory.org for some Boy Scout-style fun! Enjoy exhibits, games, activities and more! See the flyer on the CAC website for more information.



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2013 National Jamboree

Baden-Powell's Vision

In 1916, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement, knew what success looked like for the 10th anniversary of Scouting. It was the sight of thousands of youth gathered together to celebrate. The jamboree was born! In his words, "The secret of its growth lies in that



indeterminate force which we only know as the 'Scout Spirit,'" and grow it has!

Since 1937, more than 710,000 Scouts and leaders have shared the jamboree experience and hiked the trails, paths, and roadways at 17 national Scout jamborees. Now, after utilizing 7 different sites, the national jamboree has a permanent home - The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve!

The Summit!

National Scout jamborees are rich in tradition and history. The 2013 National Jamboree promises that and more. It will make history by being the first national jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, or The Summit (for short). And will establish new traditions, while embracing some old ones, as the permanent home for national jamborees.

And when not in use for national jamborees, The Summit will serve as the fourth operating national high adventure camp, a national camp school and training center. It will also host the 2019 World Jamboree.

Mark your Calendar for Upcoming Events

October 13, 2011	Roundtable - Boy Scout, Cub Scout	Plainfield LDS Church
October 14 & 15, 2011	Cub Scout Fun Day	Camp Red Wing
October 20, 2011	Cub Scout Specific Training	First Baptist Church - Plainfield
October 21-23, 2011	Fall Camporee	Camp Ransburg
October 28-30, 2011	Civil War Days	Camp Belzer
November 5, 2011	Pow Wow	Warren Central High School
November 4-6, 2011	Fall OA Ordeal	Camp Bradford

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November 4-6, 2011	Kodiak X Training	Camp Kikthawenund
November 11-12, 2011	Outdoor Leader Skills	Ransburg
November 25, 2011	Scout Night with Indiana Pacers	Conseco Fieldhouse
December 7, 2011	Ticket Deadline for Scout Night with Indiana Ice	
December 10, 2011	Scout Night with Indiana Ice	Pepsi Coliseum
December 12, 2011	FOS Governor's Luncheon	J.W. Marriott
January 21 & 28, 2012	Museums on the Canal	Indiana Historical Society Indiana State Museum
July 15 - 24, 2013	National Jamboree	The Summit
2019	World Jamboree	The Summit

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.macscouter.com

www.raceintoscouting.org

www.houkoda.org

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District Webelos Transition Chair: Kent Ebbing

2011 Fall Camporee

ATLATL competition information



Safety & Guideline rules

There are merit badges in scouting for archery. This training also includes the safe handling and use of that equipment. These same guide lines should be observed, with the use of an Atlatl and dart. It is important to remember that the Atlatl and dart is the grandfather of the bow and arrow. It was designed to hunt with and bring down mastodon sized game. The Atlatl is still used today by some tribes in the Amazon, as well as Australia (to mention a couple of locations).

Safety

- A. For the sake of safety, no sharpened, or knife like points will be allowed on the darts. **NO POINTED METAL TIPS!!!** Metal bolts for tips, See second part of C.
- B. A blunt sharpened type of point will be allowed, as the dart will be required to stick into a target, such as a straw bail. If this point is too sharp, it will be altered for safety's sake, by the person(s) running the competition.
- C. If a soft wood is used for the dart (example; Poplar, pine, etc), a harder wood or organic material may be used as a tip to add weight if needed to enhance the performance of the dart. Suggestion of organic material; Antler, horn (cows horn, etc), bone, etc.
 - a. Metal bolts screwed into the shaft for extra weight at the tip may be allowed, however, they must not be sharpened into a point!
- D. All safety guidelines will be subject to the discretion of the person(s) running the competition.

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Competition Guidelines for the troop

Options A & B

1. (A.) Each individual scout, in a troop that wishing to compete may make an Atlatl and darts. One (1) Atlatl and three (3) darts will then be chosen from those made, to use for the competition along with their chosen champion.

(B.) The whole troop may also opt to combine their wood working skills to make an Atlatl(s) and dart(s).
2. The best Atlatl and darts made will be picked by the members of the troop. (1 Atlatl and 3 darts).
3. A champion (1 person), will be picked by the troop, to represent and compete (throw the darts with the Atlatl at marks)
4. The competition will be judged on:
 - a) distance (three throws)
 - b) accuracy (three throws)

"BE PREPARED" Practice with the Atlatl is a must!!!

Research and construction of the Atlatl & dart

Set 1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYas53pGGKg>

Set 2. A search for the proper category of Atlatl and dart construction on these sites may be needed.

<http://www.thudscave.com/npaa/designs/>

<http://www.atlatl.com/>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Simple-Atlatl>

<http://www.paleotube.com/m/videos/home/>

For Questions Contact:

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2011 FALL CAMPOREE BACKPACKING EVENT

This is a patrol event

- 1) One backpack per patrol
- 2) Backpack must be fully packed for a weekend trip (food included) - for one person
- 3) Pack must not be overweight - based on weight of one patrol member
- 4) Pack will be unpacked for evaluation
- 5) Don't bring anything you won't need for a weekend trip
- 6) Ingenuity encouraged!

Possible resources:

<http://www.backpacking-guide.com/backpacking-checklist.html>

<http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/backpacking+checklist.html>

<http://www.backpacking.net/cheklist.html>

<http://pdf.troop20everett.org/obc.PDF>

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