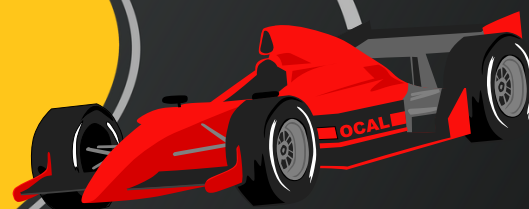


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BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL**



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mike Werling

Mike Werling started his lifelong adventure in Scouting with Pack 445 out of Tiffin, OH. Mike moved on to the Troop and Explorer Post before aging out. While he was a youth in the BSA, Mike worked as summer camp staff for three summers, attended the National Explorer Delegate Conference, served in the New York World's Fair Scout Service Corps, and earned his Order of the Arrow vigil in 1969.

After high school, Mike continued his education at Indiana Central College, now known as the University of Indianapolis, where he soon found himself back in Scouting. Mike's fraternity Alpha Pi Omega sponsored an Explorer Post, where he served as an advisor for one year.

After college, Mike started work for Aramark where he was assigned to a hospital in Nebraska. While in Nebraska, he tried to start an Explorer Post to no avail. In 1980 Mike was transferred to Olney, IL to manage food service at the local hospital. A co-worker at the hospital learned of his Scouting experience and brought him on as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 211, where he quickly became Scoutmaster, serving in the role for the next nine a half years.

After his stint as Scoutmaster, he took six months off before helping start a Medical Explorer Post that was chartered by the hospital where he worked. Mike served as a committee member for two years and the advisor for three years.

In 2007 Mike's grandson Bobby joined Troop 211, so he signed on as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Mike eventually became the Scoutmaster in 2014 when the need arose. He has been serving in that role ever since. When there is a need in Scouting, Mike has answered the call and has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and Bronze Big Horn Exploring Award for the time and dedication he has given to all areas of scouting.

During his fifty-four plus years of Scouting, Mike has served on the Council Executive Board for over 25 years, completed Wood Badge and Powder Horn training, served as District Popcorn Chair, Round Table Commissioner, Unit Commissioner, District Chair, District Commissioner, Council Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committee member, National Jamboree Troop leader two times, National Jamboree staff two times, World Jamboree staff, Wood Badge staff, Philmont training center Faculty, OA Summit Core, as a member of the Ole Buzzards, Old Ben Campmaster and as a contributing member to countless day camps, summer camps, camporees, and adult training courses.

Mike has spent countless nights under the stars, teaching outdoor and life skills to scouts while watching them gain confidence and become leaders. He has led his scouts to the various adventure bases around the country, most recently completing his second Philmont trek at the young age of 69.

Thank you Mike Werling for selflessly giving the majority of your adult life and carrying the flame of Scouting that Lord Robert Baden-Powell lit over 112 years ago.



**Mike at his grandson
Bobby Reynolds' Eagle
Scout Ceremony**

Written by: Christian South-Alderson

RECHARTER & RENEWALS

Recharter: Due February 17, 2023

This year's Recharter packet information will be available on our Council website. If you want a physical Recharter packet they can be requested by emailing ashlee.ryan@scouting.org

If you need any assistance regarding your unit's Recharter, please contact your District Professional or Ashlee Ryan at 812-423-5246 ext. 2201.

Recharter portal is now open. Please see the website for more details buffalotraccouncil.org.

2023 Membership Fees

Scouting - \$75 for the year

Adults - \$45 for the year

Scouting Subscription - \$15

Additional for all non-returning Scouts - \$25

Unit Recharter - \$100

Recharter Incentive

Our Goal this year is to have all of our units completed by end of February 2023!

Ice Cream Party

For all units that fully complete their

Recharter by

February 17, 2023



Renewal: Merit Badge Counselors Renewal

All current merit badge counselors are renewed for another year. if you are needing to adjust your merit badge list, please email ashlee.ryan@scouting.org. Thank You.

District/ Council Member Renewal

District Committee members were voted on December 15, 2022. Council Board Members will be voted in on January 24, 2023. Chartered Organization Representatives and duly elected council members-at-large are eligible to vote and are strongly encouraged to attend. All renewing members will receive an email for their renewal process.

Council Annual Meeting

This meeting will be held at the **Eykamp Scout Center at 6 PM Central Time on January 24, 2023**. Any questions about this event can be answered by your District Professional or the Scout Executive.



JOHN AND KAY GAITHER SCOUT SHOP

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:30 AM- 5:00 PM (CST)



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Expires: February 28, 2023

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purchase and be in new, resalable condition with
tags attached and accompanied with original
receipt to receive full refund.

*All awards may only be returned within 30 days of
purchase and must be accompanied by the
original receipt.

*Special order items will be charged a 20%
restocking fee if returned and must be
accompanied by the original receipt.

*Custom orders and clearance items, all sales are
final.

*Items ordered online through ScoutShop.org
must be returned to ScoutShop.org.

Upcoming Saturday Hours

February 4, 2023
9-Noon (CST)

March 11, 2023
9-Noon (CST)

April 1, 2023
9-Noon (CST)

May 6, 2023
9-Noon (CST)



It's hard to believe, but 2023 is here! Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can earn FREE badges during the 2023 calendar year. How, you ask? Simply schedule and hold a Friends of Scouting presentation during a Blue & Gold Banquet, Court of Honor, or other parent meeting and reach the established goal for your unit to achieve FREE badges.

The FOS presentation is a brief talk made to families at Pack meetings and Court of Honor to give them the opportunity to make a pledge to Scouting. The badge program is good only for the calendar year. If you wait until February to have presentation, you can only take advantage of the program 10 months. Friends of Scouting dollars are used to provide most of the services that come to you from the Council such as: Compass Points, School Flyers for Recruitment, Training, and Program Planning Materials, etc.



Level 1 (\$45 per Member)

Rank Patches Only

<u>Packs</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Lion	Scout	Venturing
Bobcat	Tenderfoot	Discovery
Tiger	First Class	Pathfinder
Wolf	Second Class	Summit
Bear	Star	
Webelos	Life	
Arrow of Light	Eagle	

Level 2 (\$60 per Member)

Plus all of Level 1 Rank

Patches

<u>Packs</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Belt Loops	Merit Badges	Quest
Webelos Pin		Trust
		Ranger

Call or email your District Professional today to set up your 2023 FOS Family Presentation.

Lincoln Heritage
John Harding
john.harding@scouting.org

Algonkian
Barry Baldwin
barry.baldwin@scouting.org

Native Trails
John Harding
john.harding@scouting.org

Lincoln Heritage District News



LINCOLN HERITAGE DISTRICT DINNER
JANUARY 22



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Lincoln Heritage Winter Camporee
January 27 - 29, 2023

Camping does not end just because there is a little cold weather and what a way to kick off the New Year! Come join us at the Lincoln Heritage Annual Winter Camporee at Old Ben Campground!



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Lincoln Heritage Merit Badge University
March 11, 2023
Vincennes University Jasper Campus



Algonkian District News



Algonkian Merit Badge University



January 21, 2023
Vincennes University

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ALGONKIAN DISTRICT DINNER
FEBRUARY 25



Roundtable

FEBRUARY 2, 2023
6PM

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY - UPDIKE HALL

Native Trails District News



Trivia
Night

JANUARY 27, 2023
NATIVE TRAILS DISTRICT
DINNER, VOLUNTEER
CELEBRATION, AND
TRIVIA NIGHT



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Native Trails Merit Badge University



February 11, 2023
University of Southern Indiana

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Upcoming Dates

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE

JULY 19-28, 2023



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**Youth Protection Training Opportunities
January 10**

Jasper Engines Transmission Training Facility

**Contact John Harding to register and for
further information.**

john.harding@scouting.org

NRA RANGE SAFETY TRAINING

JANUARY 28

@8AM

EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER

Email Greg Seibert to register

and for further information.

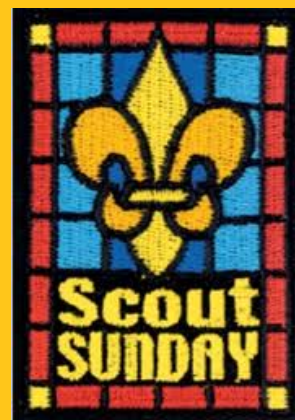
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Cost \$100

SCOUT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5

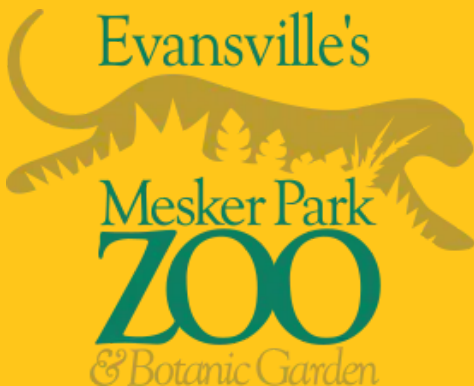


CUB SCOUT

"ZOOBOREE"

MARCH 18

Evansville's



Further details coming soon.

save the Date

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed for Councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. July 21-23 and July 28-30. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

For more information please contact
Jason Noel Course Director at 812-887-2490
Brian Conner Asst. Course Director at 812-598-8907

POPCORN EVALUATION MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2023

6PM @ Eykamp Scout
Center



DINNER PROVIDED

PIZZA, SALAD, AND DRINKS

Please join us and let us know how your sale went, what we could do better, and any ideas you have to share with us for the 2023 Sale. Your participation is key to the success of this event and the 2023 Sale! We look forward to seeing you also!

PLEASE RSVP TO BETH GILLES

812-423-5246 X2207
BETH.GILLES@SCOUTING.ORG

2022 TOP POPCORN AWARDS

TOP UNIT

Pack 369 - Newburgh
John H Castle
\$73,281.01

TOP SELLER

Dylan Noel
Pack 270
\$13,010.00

TOP ONLINE SELLER

Alex Schmidt
Troop 301
\$1,486.00

\$4,000 SELLERS

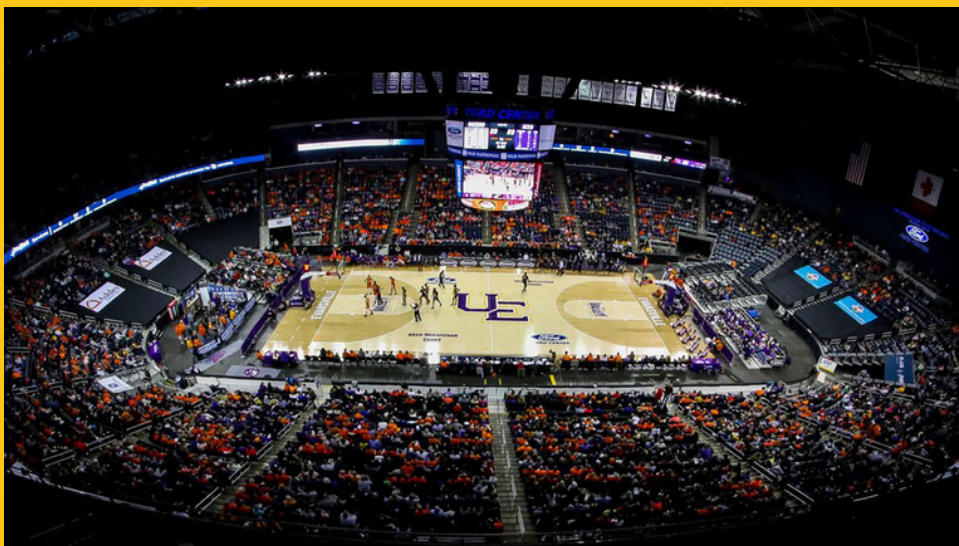
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Dylan N	Pack 270
Miguel T	Pack 369
Paschal N	Pack 270
Vincent B	Troop 375
Ethan H	Pack 369
Brogan S	Troop 130
Aiden B	Pack 325
Riddik B	Pack 369
Hayden G	Troop 130

TOP FAMILY

Coming Soon!
Forms are DUE NOW!

UE University of Evansville vs



Attention ALL SCOUT FAMILIES:

Come out and experience a great UE Men's Basketball game as well as create memories that will last a lifetime with us at the Ford Center.

Sun. Feb. 12th vs. Missouri State (1PM)

Get your free tickets at the Eykamp Scout Center or call Beth Gilles at 812-423-5246 x2207.

We can't wait to enjoy a great game with you and your family.
Go Aces!!

FREE TICKETS



BSA POPCORN SCOUT NIGHT

Saturday
Feb 4 - 7pm



Online
Form:



<https://bit.ly/BoltsBSAPN23>



To secure your scout group, or for more information, contact us at

812-422-BOLT

srickard@evansvillethunderbolts.com



BSA POPCORN SCOUT NIGHT



MAY 20, 2023



SAVE
THE DATE!



Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting



CUB SCOUT FAITH DAY

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(AGES 7-10)



FEBRUARY 18, 2023
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
EVANSVILLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BILL NOLL AT 812-479-8605 OR
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ANNUAL SCOUT/VENTURER RETREAT

SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
(AGES 11-18)

MARCH 4-5, 2023
CATHOLIC CENTER
EVANSVILLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOE DICKINSON AT 812-853-3278 OR
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Native Trails District

Angie Swearingen

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NATIVE TRAILS

November 10, 2022

Jorden Tulley, Troop 399

Isaiah Thaxton, Troop 350

Christian Hoffman, Troop 315

Austin Bruce, Troop 393

Meg Kicklighter, Troop 3746

December 8, 2022

Nathan Rotramel, Troop 352

LINCOLN HERITAGE

December 5, 2022

Anderson Vonderheid, Troop 182

Wyatt Kinman, Troop 161

ALGONKIAN

November 3, 2022

Jace Saulmon, Troop 240

Caden Lamey, Troop 246

John (JC) Taylor, Troop 246

December 1, 2022

Macon Tenbarge, Troop 240

Nathan Steurer, Troop 246

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

Lincoln Heritage District

- 2nd Tuesday of every month

Algonkian District

- 1st Thursday of every month

Native Trails District

- 2nd Thursday of every month



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

ORDER OF THE ARROW

2023 LODGE CALENDAR AND CONTACTS

JANUARY 2023

7TH - WINTER BANQUET
22ND - MONTHLY LEC*

FEBRUARY 2023

18TH - LODGE ADULT ADVISORY MEETING
26TH - MONTHLY LEC*

MARCH 2023

24TH-26TH - RANK UP
26TH - MONTHLY LEC*

APRIL 2023

14TH-16TH - SECTION CONCLAVE
30TH - MONTHLY LEC*

MAY 2023

119TH-21ST - SPRING FELLOWSHIP AND ORDEAL
21ST - MONTHLY LEC*

JUNE 2023

25TH - MONTHLY LEC*

JULY 2023

7TH-9TH - SUMMER FUN FELLOWSHIP
8TH - VIGIL REUNION
9TH - MONTHLY LEC*

AUGUST 2023

127TH - MONTHLY LEC*

SEPTEMBER 2023

8TH-10TH - FALL FELLOWSHIP AND ORDEAL
10TH - MONTHLY LEC*

OCTOBER 2023

21ST - HALLOWEEN PARTY
(SAME DAY AS SPOOKE-O-REE)
21ST - MONTHLY LEC*

NOVEMBER 2023

11TH-12TH - LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & LOCK-IN
12TH - MONTHLY LEC*

DECEMBER 2023

10TH - MONTHLY LEC*

JANUARY 2023

6TH - WINTER BANQUET

*Our Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meetings, if on the same day of an event will generally be at the conclusion of the event at the same location.

The most up-to-date calendar is available at
kiondaga.org/events/



General Lodge Contact: contact@kiondaga.org

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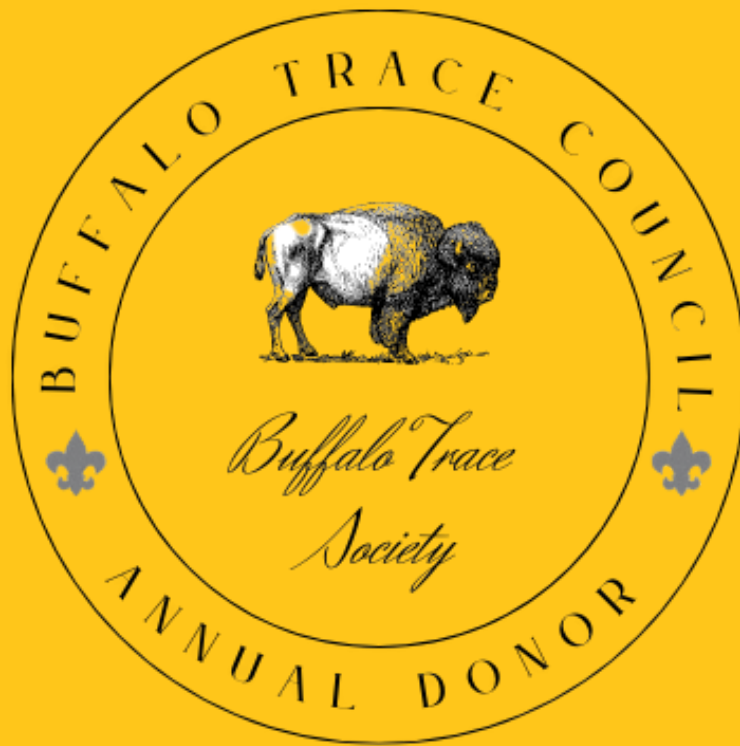
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VIEW A FULL LIST OF OUR OFFICERS AND ADVISERS ON OUR WEBSITE AT

[KIONDAGA.ORG/LEADERSHIP:](https://kiondaga.org/leadership/)



The Buffalo Trace Council is proud to introduce the Buffalo Trace Society as an annual recognition group for donors who give \$1,000 or more in a year.

We are grateful for all of our volunteers and donors who support our Scouts. For more information about giving opportunities, please contact the Development Office at 812-423-5246.

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Council Annual Meeting

THE COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER ON TUESDAY JANUARY 24 AT 6:00PM CST. THIS MEETING WILL ELECT MEMBERS AT LARGE, ASSOCIATE AND HONORARY MEMBER OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL, REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND LOCAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

INDIANA



Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Boy Scout license plate in Indiana! Your additional support provides resources for our Scouts that we would not otherwise have. If you have not purchased a Boy Scouts of America license plate, you can do so by just letting the BMV know when you renew your registration. It's that simple!

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Buffalo Trace Council would like to thank everyone who has designated gifts to the council through your local United Way. Each gift we receive helps ensure that all Scouts have an opportunity to join and enjoy all the activities provided by Scouting. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We would like to extend a special thank you to our United Way partners for their continued support of Scouting!

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MBU SPONSOR

Fifth third bank has partner up with Buffalo Trace Council as a sponsor for 2023 Merit Badge University!



FIFTH THIRD BANK

UPDATE

The Buffalo Trace Council announces several recent personnel changes to our staff.



Thank You

On Behalf of the Council, best wishes to Chris Felton and MaLinda Simpson. Your time with us was too short. Thank you for your dedication to our organization.

We hope all our volunteers will congratulate the staff for their efforts and thank them for the services provided to our members, families, and community partners. From all of us here at The Buffalo Trace Council, Best Wishes & a BIG Thank you!

Council Calendar

JANUARY

- 2-3 INVENTORY - OFFICE CLOSED
- 3 LH Eagle BOR
- 5 LH, ALG Roundtable
ALG Eagle BOR
- 7 OA Winter Banquet
- 9 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 10 YPT Training @ Jasper Engines
Training Facility
- 12 Ole Buzzards
NT Eagle BOR
LH District Committee Mtg
- 16 MLK Day- OFFICE CLOSED
- 19 ALG, NT District Committee Mtg
- 21 ALG MBU
- 22 LH District Dinner
OA LEC
- 24 Annual Board Meeting
- 27 NT District Dinner
- 27-29 LH Winter Camporee
- 28 NRA Range Safety Training
- 30 Staff Conference - Office CLOSED

MARCH

- 2 ALG, LH Roundtable
ALG Eagle BOR
- 4 Scoutreach Pinewood Derby Race
- 4-5 Scout/Venturer Retreat
- 7 LH Eagle BOR
- 9 NT Eagle BOR
LH - District Committee Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 2 ALG Roundtable
ALG Eagle BOR
- 3 Scoutreach Parent Night
- 4 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
Thunderbolts Popcorn Game
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 6 Popcorn Evaluation Mtg
- 7 LH Eagle BOR
Program Group Meeting
- 9 NT Eagle BOR
LH District Committee Mtg
- 10 Recharter Due
- 11 NT MBU
USI Game for Popcorn Recognition
- 12 UE Popcorn Game
- 13 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 16 ALG District Committee Mtg
NT District Committee Mtg
- 17 Recharter DUE
- 18 Cubscout Faith Day
OA Lodge Adult Advisory Meeting
- 20 Office Closed- President's Day
- 21 Exec. Committee Mtg
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 26 OA LEC

MARCH CONT.

- 11 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CST)
LH MBU
- 13 Commissioner's Cabinet
- 16 NT, ALG District Committee Mtg
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Cub Scout Zooboree
- 24-26 OA Rank Up
- 25 Shooting Sports MB
- 26 OA LEC

Stay  up to Date



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