

COMPASS POINTS

November/December 2024



Scouting  **America.**
Buffalo Trace Council

Thank You

What a great year to be grateful!

It's important to take the time to say thank you! We understand our volunteers have only so much time to give, and our Scouts and Staff are greatly appreciative of the help that you have given.

Your hard work and dedication to our Scouts goes a long way and Scouting wouldn't be the same without our energetic Scout Volunteers!

On behalf of the Buffalo Trace Council, we want to thank you for your dedication to our Scouts and future leaders!

Ol' Buzzard CALL OUT!

As we get into the season of being grateful and giving back, we know your time is valuable, but our Ol' Buzzard Patrol (Adult Maintenance Crew) is looking for registered adult Scouters to become Buzzards.

Ol' Buzzards meet at the Eykamp Scout Center on the second Thursday of the month from 9am-3pm (CT). In addition to needed projects to keep the office attractive and safe, fellowship with others and a meal are part of the day.

Both male and female registered Scouters are welcome to join. No special skills are required; however, knowledge of plumbing, electrical, carpentry, general mechanics, heating/AC, and grounds maintenance are desirable.

**For more information contact Ken Steltenpohl at
steltenpohl456@gmail.com**

812-482-5353 (Home)

812-630-0294 (Cell Phone)

EAGLE SCOUT

INFORMATION



EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW DISTRICT CONTACTS

NATIVE TRAILS

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ALGONKIAN

Bill Marsh

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LINCOLN HERITAGE

Jadd Miller

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2024 EAGLES ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

[HTTPS://WWW.BUFFALOTRACECOUNCIL.ORG/EAGLE-SCOUT-RESOURCES](https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/eagle-scout-resources)

NATIVE TRAILS

September 2024

Lowell Pierce - Troop 375

October 2024

Miranda Slaton - Troop 374G

ALGONKIAN

September 2024

Drake Bellessa - Troop 203

Dalton Brent - Troop 222

Avery Loesch - Troop 240

October 2024

n/a

LINCOLN HERITAGE

September 2024

Kameron Speed - Troop 181

October 2024

Josiah Jorgensen - Troop 161

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW
Meets 2nd Thursday of every Month

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EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS



ATTENTION 2024 EAGLE SCOUTS!

Eagle Scholarship Opportunities and Awards

- Eagle Scout Association Scholarship
- Mary E. Julian Scholarship
- Eagle Scout Project of the Year

All proper forms must be completed and returned to the Council Office by or before December 31, 2024 for consideration.



ARE YOU PREPARED
TO APPLY?

DUE By: December 31, 2024



Visit Our Website:

<https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/eagle-scout-resources>

ORDER OF THE ARROW

2024/2025 KIONDAGA LODGE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2024

- 9TH - LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & LOCK-IN
 - EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER - OVERNIGHT
- 10TH - LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 - EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER

DECEMBER 2024

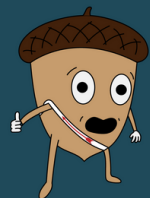
- 8TH - PRE-LEC ADVISOR MEETING
 - EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER AT 1PM
- 8TH - LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 - EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER AT 2PM

JANUARY 2025

- 4TH - WINTER BANQUET
- 26TH - PRE-LEC ADVISOR MEETING
 - EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER

2025 DUES

OA DUES



RENEWALS

The most current calendar is available at
kiondaga.org/events/

General Lodge Contact: contact@kiondaga.org

News from the Registrar



You're probably expecting something about "Recharter" here.
BUT... its not called recharter anymore!
Now it's 2 separate processes.

Unit Renewal

- Renews only the unit
- Due yearly in February
- Can be completed online or at the Council Office
- Completed by Key 3 leader

Individual Renewal

- Renews only the youth/adult
- Due yearly after 12-month term
- Can be completed online or at council
- Completed by Key 3 leader or individual



District/Council Member Renewal

Renewal requests will be sent to district and council members via email. Membership dues can be paid online. For members who are unable to renew online, contact your District Professional or Ashlee at (812) 423-5246 ext. 2201 for guidance.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

12/5/2024

Join us for a Council Virtual Roundtable for further information about the Unit Renewal process.
December 5, 2024
at 6:30 pm (CST)

REGISTER NOW



Unit Renewal Checklist

What do we need to do to make sure we are ready?

Verify that all leaders have current Youth Protection Training and that it does not expire before April 2025.

Verify that all adult leaders are remaining in their current positions. Have a plan for positions that need to be filled at Unit Renewal time. If you need to move leaders to different roles, the Chartered Organization Representative can do so in Position Manager!

Make sure all adults (leaders and parents) have updated email addresses in their accounts. (Option: Pass around a clipboard and ask everyone to write their names and email addresses. Email the list to ashlee.ryan@scouting.org who will check them for you!)

Ask all registered adults in your unit to complete and sign a new Criminal Background Check Authorization form and submit them to council at Eykamp or via email to ashlee.ryan@scouting.org.

(Click [HERE](#) for a blank CBC form.)

Print the Charter Agreement form. This is an annual agreement that needs to be reviewed and signed by the Charter Partner and Institutional Head.

(Click [HERE](#) for the Charter Agreement.)

To register too the
Virtual Roundtable on December 5, 2024 at 6:30pm (CT)
<https://scoutingevent.com/156-DecemberVirtualRoundtable2024>

**BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL
SCOUTING AMERICA**



2024

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

HOSTED BY: UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE



EASY REGISTRATION VIA THE WEBSITE
BuffaloTraceCouncil.org

WHAT IS IT?

The University of Scouting is a one day training opportunity for Pack, Troop, and Crew Scouters. Personally create a personalized schedule that focuses on your interest from dozens of offerings.

5 class periods consisting of basic and supplemental trainings will be available. This training goes beyond the basics of scouting to provide knowledge on specific topics to deliver the promise of scouting.

WHO?

Any registered adult AND all Scouts BSA Troop and Venture members will find new ways to improve their unit. Taught by scouters just like you who share their love and passions of scouting at this one day event. There will be something for everyone, no matter your age or skill level.

WHY?

“Every scout deserves a trained leader.”

Sharpen your knowledge, learn new skills, improve your understanding, and meet new scouters. These skills make you a better scouter for the scouts that follow in your footprints.

**REGISTRATION
COST: \$8**



SATURDAY
NOV 16, 2024



8:00 AM
4:00 PM CST



**MEALS
INCLUDED**

REGISTER NOW



ScoutingEvent.com/156-2024UofScouting
Brian Conner, Dean of University of Scouting
scoutmaster301@gmail.com



Greg Hager, BTC Faculty Advisor
gregory.hager@scouting.org

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ALGONKIAN

Saturday, January 18, 2024
Vincennes University
1002 N. 1st St.
Vincennes, IN 47591



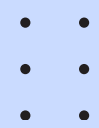
NATIVE TRAILS

Saturday, February 22, 2024
University of Southern Indiana
8600 University Blvd.
Evansville, IN 47712



LINCOLN HERITAGE

Saturday, March 15, 2023
St. Joesph Catholic Church
1029 Kundeck St.
Jasper, IN 47546



SCOUTING GIVES BACK



Council - Wide Food Drive November 1-December 15, 2024

No one should go hungry in the richest country in the world - yet millions of Americans don't have enough to eat.

Southern Indiana children, seniors, veterans, and active U.S. service members should never have to worry where their next meal will come from.

Through the month of November and December, Buffalo Trace Council is partnering with local food banks to collect food for Southern Indiana families in need. Let's help combat hunger in our communities.



**COLLECTION SITE: EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER
3501 E. LLOYD EXPRESSWAY
EVANSVILLE, IN 47715**

Giving Warmth for Winter November 1-December 15, 2024

Join us in our goal of keeping Southern Indiana heads, hands, necks, and feet warm this winter.

The Buffalo Trace Council is collecting Socks, Gloves, Scarves, and Hats for Children, Women, and Men.

Donations will be given to several organizations, to be given to the unhoused and families in need.



**COLLECTION SITE: EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER
3501 E. LLOYD EXPRESSWAY
EVANSVILLE, IN 47715**

Toys for Tots November 1-December 15, 2024

Eykamp Scout Center is a toy collection site for Southwestern Indiana Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army of Evansville. This toy drive will provide toys to Warrick, Vanderburgh, and Gibson Counties. Toys for Tots provides holiday gifts to children in low-income families ensuring that all children get to experience the magic of the season. Bring your donations of new and unwrapped toys to the Eykamp Scout Center to help give back to our wonderful community!



NOMINATIONS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

The Glen A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year

Any Scout who earned the rank of Eagle in 2024 is eligible to apply for the Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year. One project is chosen by a team of Buffalo Trace Council volunteers. The award is presented at the annual Council Court of Honor. The recipient's project will then be sent to the Council Service Territory to compete against projects across the territory. To apply, submit your nomination form along with your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to the Council

Office by December 31, 2024

[CLICK HERE](#) 



District Award of Merit

Do you know a Scouter who deserves to be recognized for their dedication, passion, and hard work? Nominate them for the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest honor a district can bestow upon a volunteer. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. It is presented annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 units in the district. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting, or both. The nature of noteworthy service may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or to a small group of youth over an extended period of time.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is a council-level distinguished service award. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. This is the highest award a council can bestow upon a volunteer. This award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters. Nominate a Scouter you feel is worthy!

[CLICK HERE](#)



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2024-2025 HOME SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 7PM (CST)



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (MASCOT NIGHT/FREE KIDS FRIDAY)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (MILITARY NIGHT)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (TEDDY BEAR TOSS)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 (ELF NIGHT/ SCOUT NIGHT)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 (T'WAS THE FRIDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 (BAD GIFT EXCHANGE)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 (FREE KIDS FRIDAY)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 (HEAVY METAL NIGHT)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 (FAITH NIGHT)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 (STAR WARS NIGHT)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 (UNION NIGHT)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 (EURO NIGHT)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – SCOUT POPCORN GAME

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (SWIPE RIGHT NIGHT)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 (SUNDAY FUNDAY)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 (SUPERHERO NIGHT)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 (PUCKS & PAWS NIGHT)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 (PRINCESS & PIRATES NIGHT)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 (JURASSIC NIGHT)

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 (SUNDAY FUNDAY)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 (COUNTRY NIGHT)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 (FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT)

Is your unit interested in presenting the colors at the next Thunderbolts games?

Contact:

Account Executive,

Jacob Vanmeter to add your unit to the schedule!

jvanmeter@evansvillethunderbolts.com

SCOUT NIGHT

SATURDAY, DEC. 14



OVERNIGHT STAY



Goal Zone Tickets \$12

Center Ice Tickets \$16



REGISTER NOW

https://fordcentervictorytheater.formstack.com/forms/scout_night_12_14

**CONTACT JACOB VANMETER AT
JVANMETER@EVANSVILLETHUNDERBOLTS.COM
OR 812-435-0870 FOR MORE INFO**





SCOUT FAITH

Scout Sunday

Scout is Reverent
Sunday, February 2, 2025



Annual Cub Scout Faith Day

February 15, 2025
Good Shepard Parish in Evansville

Contact Information:

Joe Dickinson
812-550-6205
joerdickinson@gmail.com

Bill Noll
812-431-9099
nbpknoll@aol.com

Annual Scout/Venturer Retreat

February 28 - March 2, 2025
Registration Due by February 1, 2025

Theme: "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31)

Contact Information:

Joe Dickinson
812-550-6205
joerdickinson@gmail.com

Bill Noll
812-431-9099
nbpknoll@aol.com

John & Kay Gaither

Scout Shop

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm (CT)

Upcoming Saturday Hours

9-Noon (CT)
November 9, 2024
January 11, 2025
February 8, 2025
March 8, 2025

[Shop Now](#)

Cub Scout Hoodie
(Blue or Grey Hoodie
Available in Store)



\$29.99

**Scouts BSA
Earflap Beanie**



\$22.99

**cub Scout
Beanie**



\$22.99



Pre-Order Pinewood Derby Cars TODAY!

Order a quantity of 10 for a special pre-order price of \$5.99 each, regularly priced at \$6.99!

Contact: _____

Pack # _____ Qty _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Submit your order to the Scout Shop or email
jennifer.carapia@scouting.org
3501 E Lloyd Expressway, Evansville IN 47715
Pickup may be made at the Scout Shop or Roundtables.

Promo: November 1 - January 31, 2025



Call
812-423-5246 ext. 2202



Email:
jennifer.carapia@scouting.org



Donors who give \$100 or more will receive a 2025 FOS Council Strip via mail.



Scouts attending FOS Presentations will receive a 2025 FOS Patch

2025 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

The Wild West

Your Pack, Troop, or Crew can earn FREE rank/advancement during the upcoming 2025 calendar year. How do 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 rank/advancement.

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, Program Planning Materials, Registration, Uniform and Campership Assistance, etc.

Contact your District Professional today to schedule your Unit's presentation in November 2024, December 2024, or in 2025!

Level 1 (\$45 per Scout)

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 Scout)

Rank & Advancements

<u>Packs</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Crews</u>
Rank	Ranks	Ranks
Belt Loops	Merit Badges	Quest
Adventure Pins		Trust
		Ranger



How can your unit earn free badges? We can now visit your next meeting to hold a presentation and achieve your establish goal(s) to earn free rank and, or advancement. Contact your District Professional.

2024 FREE RANK PROGRAM

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges:

Pack 301, Troop 186G, Troop 305, Troop 312

Congratulations to our units who have qualified for FREE rank badges and FREE merit badges/belt loops:

Pack 163, Pack 184, Pack 325, Pack 362, Pack 385, Pack 399, Troop 102, Troop 211, Troop 292, Troop 301, Troop 375



CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL TO SCHEDULE YOUR 2025 FOS PRESENTATION FOR YOUR UNIT.

LINCOLN HERITAGE

Ryan Abbott
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315-247-1180

ALGONKIAN

John Harding
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812-423-5246

NATIVE TRAILS

Greg Hager
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812-423-5246 ext. 2214



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!

- United Way of Gibson County
- United Way of Knox County
- United Way of Perry County
- United Way of Pike County
- United Way of Posey County
- United Way of Southwestern Indiana

UNITED WAY

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

INDIANA LICENSE

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Boy Scouts 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!



ILLINOIS LICENSE

Did you know that you can support Buffalo Trace Council by purchasing an Eagle Scout license plate in Indiana/Illinois?



License plate registration application forms may be obtained in person at most Secretary of State facilities, by mail, by visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com or by calling

800-252-8980. An applicant must provide a copy of their Eagle Scout Certificate or written proof of Eagle Scout rank from the Local BSA Council.

Complete details are on the BMV website or at a local licensing branch.



On October 9, 2024, the Buffalo Trace Council recognized Dr. Scott Beckman with the 2024 Distinguished Citizen Award. Dr. Beckman has served Dubois County and the local region in various capacities. Most notably, he has delivered many babies as an OBGYN. We were proud to have over 350 guests with us that evening. Thank you to the DCA Committee and all of our volunteers who helped raise critical funds for Scouting through the DCA Banquet.



ANNUAL MEETING

We hope you can join us.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
at 6pm (CT)
Eykamp Scout Center
3501 E. Lloyd Expressway
Evansville, IN 47715

— *Email Erika Walter to Save your
Seat by January 7, 2025
erika.walter-mecum@scouting.org*

The Council Annual Meeting will be held at the Eykamp Scout Center on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6pm (CT).



This meeting will elect members at large, associate and honorary members of the local council, members of the Executive Board, and local council representatives to the National Council.

2024 Council Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 2 Woods of Webelos
- 3 Daylight Saving Time
- 5 Election Day
LH - Eagle BOR
- 6 Range & Target Sports Committee
Staff Meeting
- 7 ALG - Roundtable
ALG - Eagle BOR
- 9 Scout Shop Open 9-Noon (CT)
- 9-10 OA - Lodge Leadership &
Development Lock-In
- 10 OA - LEC
- 11 Commissioner's Cabinet
Veteran's Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 13 Membership Meeting
- 14 Ol Buzzards Day @Eykamp
NT - Eagle BOR
- 16 University of Scouting
- 19 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Staff Meeting
- 21 LH - District Committee Meeting
ALG - District Committee Meeting
NT - District Committee Meeting
- 25 Popcorn Payment Due
- 27 OFFICE CLOSED
- 28 Thanksgiving Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 29 OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER

- 3 LH - Eagle BOR
- 4 Staff Meeting
- 5 Recharter Training
Council Roundtable
ALG - Eagle BOR
- 7 Pear Harbor Remembrance Day
LH - Annual Program District Meeting
- 8 OA - LEC
- 12 Ol Buzzards Day @Eykamp
NT - Eagle BOR
- 13 Scout Reach Blue & Gold Ceremony
- 14 Thunderbolts Scout Night
- 18 Staff Meeting
- 19 Annual Business Meeting
LH - Annual District Committee Meeting
ALG - Annual District Committee Meeting
NT - Annual District Committee Meeting
- 23 OFFICE CLOSED
- 24 Christmas Eve - OFFICE CLOSED
- 25 Christmas Day - OFFICE CLOSED
- 31 Scholarships/ District Award Nominations
DUE!

Council President: Dr. James Porter
Council Commissioner: Joe Holtz
Scout Executive: John Harding
Compass Points Editor: Jennifer Carapia

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Buffalo Trace Council, Boy Scouts of America is to prepare our young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by, instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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