



“AN INDIVIDUAL STEP IN CHARACTER TRAINING IS TO PUT RESPONSIBILITY ON THE INDIVIDUAL.”

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## From the Desk of the District Chair

### Emerging from Winter, Entering Spring, Awaiting Summer

Jacket or no jacket? Heavy coat or sweater? Spring time is a mix of the first warm, wonderful, sunny days that swiftly turn cold and rainy. Then back to 65 and sunny. We start to put away things of winter and excitedly clip the first daffodils from the yard. We start to look ahead and get our next set of plans together.

So, too, for Scouting. In this issue, you will read about some fantastic adventures coming soon including a chance for Scouts to have their experiment flown to the International Space Station. Now is the time to check the calendars for Day Camps, Summer Camps, NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) and Wood Badge, just to name a few! Be sure to visit Pathway to Adventure website for the calendar of events as well as other important information. ([www.pathwaytoadventure.org](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org))

To continue the springtime metaphor, our new Thunderbird District page is just starting to break ground and bloom. Our new district page is available through the Pathway to Adventure website. We are in the early stages of defining how best to organize information. Our goal is to provide you with an easy to use website where you can find useful information AND a place to promote (brag!) about the great things going on in your unit! At the April Round Table we introduced the upcoming webpage.

At the May Round Table, we will review the web page format and seek your feedback. Also, Paul Kolarcyk, Thunderbird District Commissioner, will share with you a refreshed model, including themes, for the Thunderbird Round Tables. These enhanced Round Tables are designed to help each Unit Leader to continue to provide the best possible program to our Youth. And your success is showing! **As of the March Journey to Excellence report, Thunderbird has reached SILVER! Congratulations to all Leaders across Thunderbird. This is clearly a reflection of your commitment and selfless service.**

In May, I will be attending the BSA National Meeting and will be sharing with you messages from the meeting in our next newsletter and June Round Table.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our District Dinner is June 5th at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts (1040 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN). Details coming soon.

Yours in Scouting,  
Mary Beth Swibes, Thunderbird District Chair

## Reminder

Our next Round Table will be held on **May 7th** at First United Methodist Church (18420 Burnham Ave Lansing IL 60438).

## Scouting University

On April 11th, about 100 Scouters attended Scouting University. Congratulations to Drew Morton and his team of instructors and support staff for an outstanding day!

## **NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION (NESA) AND FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE (FDIC)**

The Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) is held in Indianapolis Indiana each spring. Nearly 40,000 firefighters from across the U.S. and abroad converge in the capital city to attend training classes, experience the latest innovations and to network with other firefighters. **Chief Joe Kruzan** from the Schererville (IN) Fire Department will represent NESA and be at the Indiana State Fire Marshal's booth **to talk to attendees about the benefits of the National Eagle Scout Association and the Firefighters Affinity Group.**

To read more about this great partnership, check out <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/14/nesa-firefighters-affinity-group/>

## **RECOGNITION DEADLINES**

Applications and information for these awards will be available on the Thunderbird District Webpage.

- Christopher Bieker May - Partial financial assistance for summer camp - **Due May 1st**
- Chakara Yusuda - Full cost of summer camp - **Due May 1st**
- Lynn Darin - Purpose: To recognize Eagle Scouts who continue to participate in Scouting after attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

## **RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS**

Special thanks to Sue Kresich (C542) for her presentation at the April Round Table on Religious Emblems. Her presentation will be available under the Round Table section of the Thunderbird District page.

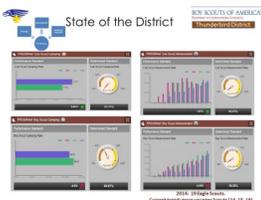
## **IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS**

**On Saturday May 23rd, 2015** our district has been **invited to place flags** on the graves of **veterans** at Oak Hill Cemetery(6445 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, IN 46324). They will start placing flags around 10:00 am so it is suggested to get there around 9:30 am. If you can't make it at 10:00 am, you can come later in the day to help. The least we can do this Veteran's day is honor the 500+ vets at Oak Hill. Please contact Blaise Lukasiewicz to sign up (Blaise.Lukasiewicz@scouting.org).

## **BY THE NUMBERS!**

As of April 9th at our Round Table we achieved 73% of our Family FOS goal! This is a great testament to the work of the units and the FOS presenters.

**Also, remember, FOS donations can be made by texting THUNDERBIRD1**



## Learn More:

Learn more about **Wood Badge:**  
<http://www.calumetcouncil.org/Documents/2015/Brochure%202015%20rev3.pdf>

IOLS Training, Camp Betz, May 1-3, 2015. To register: <http://pathwaytoadventure.doubleknot.com/event/1675522>

Wilderness First Aid, May 1-3, 2015 Camp Betz To register: <http://pathwaytoadventure.doubleknot.com/event/1659723>

**NYLT June 20-25, 2015 Camp Betz—**  
To register: <http://>

## SAVE THE DATES

IOLS & Wilderness Survival Training—May 1-3 Camp Betz  
May Round Table—May 7, 2015  
Camporee—May 15, 16, 17, 2015  
District Dinner—June 5, 2015

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## SPACE STATION NATIONAL DESIGN CHALLENGE

Boy Scouts and Explorers will soon design and build research projects for a chance to have their experiment flown to the International Space Station.

This incredible opportunity is the result of a newly formed partnership between the Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS), which manages the U.S. National Laboratory on the International Space Station (ISS); and local Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and Exploring programs.

CASIS and the BSA Pathways to Adventure Council will launch the Space Station National Design Challenge student research competition in Chicago this spring in an effort to spark interest and innovation in young men and women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

While the partnership is new, the BSA has a historic connection to the space program. In fact, 11 of the 12 astronauts who walked on the moon were Scouts. Additionally, former astronaut and CASIS President and Executive Director Gregory H. Johnson is a proud Eagle Scout.

“The Boy Scouts of America has created leaders for more than 100 years and our youth must now take the lead in STEM,” said Nancy Elder, Director for Strategic and Corporate Alliances for Pathway to Adventure Council. “Scouting has long embraced STEM by providing young people with real-world hands-on learning experiences ranging from cleaning habitats in national parks to programming robots. The partnership with CASIS will engage our youth and volunteers in a unique and cutting-edge experience by adding their research projects to the final frontier: space.”

To learn more about the contest, including upcoming information sessions and how to submit a proposal, please visit: <http://www.iss-casis.org/Opportunities/Solicitations/RFANationalDesignChallenge2015.aspx>



This Spring/ Summer our Calumet Council Website will transition to the PTAC website. We are working the Council Communication Committee to develop policies and processes to ensure ease of use and timely posting of information. Contact any Thunderbird Key 3 with any questions or suggestions!

**ZOMBIE OUTBREAK!**  
**Thunderbird District Camporee**  
**Zombereee!!!**

**MAY 15 - 17**  
**FRIDAY 6:30 PM**  
**SUNDAY 12 PM**

**\*\*REGISTRATION\*\***  
 March 25 - April 15  
 Early Fee: \$10  
 Late Fee: \$15

**Rainbow Scout Reservation**  
 2600 N Winterbottom Road  
 Morris, IL 60450

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
 PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL

**SIGN UP NOW!**

Thunderbird Zomboree Stations

1. and 2. *Stealth Zombie Elimination (Tomahawk and Spear)*
3. *Zombie Disposal (Fire Building)*
4. *Zombie Containment (Lashings)*
5. *Zombie 1<sup>st</sup> Aid*
6. *Perimeter Alarm (Knots)*
7. *Finding Alexandria (Map and Compass)*
8. *Scrounging for Food (Plant Identification)*

**Cub Scouts NOVA Day**

Pathway to Adventure Council is proud to host a day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in collaboration with the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana.

**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2015  
**Where:** Challenger Learning Center (located on the Purdue Calumet University campus on 173rd Street in Hammond)  
**Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$45/Scout, includes lunch (\$35 for participating siblings, \$6.00/lunch only)  
**Who:** All Cub Scouts are invited  
**Register:** To register, go to [www.pathwaytoadventure.org](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org), click on "Calendar" then click on the Nova event on May 16th. **DEADLINE: APRIL 24th.**

**WHAT SCOUTS WILL EARN:**

- NOVA patch and all three Pi pins
- Astronomy, Mathematics and Science Belt Loop and pin
- Webelos earn parts of the Communicator, Scientist, Engineer and Scholar

**Before the event:**

- Watch a show, video or read about EACH subject (STEM)
- Come with 1 or 2 questions to ask about the event for discussion
- E-Mail should be about one hour for each subject
- Keep track of money you spend and note for these events

\*Please bring pencil, sheet and a pencil to the event\*

Questions?  
 Call (219) 961-2268

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**SIGN UP NOW!**

**Deadline is April 24th!!**

In Advancement News....

The New Cub Scout program is scheduled to roll out June 1, 2015. New handbooks and Leader books will be released in May 2015. Cub Scouts will now using the Scout Oath and Law. There is a new Sign, Signals and Codes merit badge which includes lots of hands-on and interactive activities.

News Story to Share?

Visit the home page of Pathway to Adventure where you will find an option to click to submit your story. Be sure to include Thunderbird District when you submit your story so it can be posted on our District Page.

